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FOREWORD

This Guide to Public Vital Statistics in Tennessee, prepared by the Tennessee Historical Records Survey, presents valuable detailed information regarding procedures in the State of Tennessee and in the counties. In the history of the development of the present system of recording of Vital Statistics data, the increasing value of these records to the individual and to society is evident. At the present time the necessity of establishing proof of citizenship has given added significance to records of birth.

Reference to this volume will be of great assistance to many citizens of Tennessee in the location of birth, death, and marriage records.

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PREFACE

Kept indifferently, if at all, until recent years, vital statistics have recently assumed an unprecedented importance. To many a citizen in 1940 and 1941 the necessity of establishing proof of citizenship gave to vital statistics a significance above and beyond that already known to historians, sociologists, actuaries, political scientists, public health authorities, and even genealogists.

Neglected as was "the science of numbers applied to the life history of communities and nations," a considerable mass of public vital statistics has been accumulated. In the course of their inventories of public archives, the several Historical Records Survey projects in the country have listed and described much archival material relating to births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. Unfortunately, only a lesser part of this material has yet been published in the Survey's public archives inventories. A greater part, however, has been accumulated and is in various stages of editorial completion in the projects' files. Certain preliminary schedules of vital statistics were furnished the Bureau of the Census by the Survey projects in the fall of 1940, and it was thereafter suggested by that agency that the Survey undertake the publication, by states, of a nation-wide series of guides to public vital statistics in the United States.

These guides are of necessity incomplete and, with the urgency for their publication, can not represent polished editorial jobs. In this State, for example, the inclusion of descriptions of all public vital statistics, wherever located, would have delayed for many months publication of the Guide to Public Vital Statistics in Tennessee. Therefore, only those locally maintained vital statistics which have been processed by the Tennessee Historical Records Survey in the normal course of its surveys of the county and municipal archives are listed in this volume. Although the Tennessee Survey had not, at the time it was decided to undertake the publication of this Guide, inventoried the vital statistics in the custody of the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Public Health, the significance of these records, far overshadowing county and municipal records in the instance of births and deaths, dictated that they be inventoried and described in the Guide, which was accordingly done.

State vital statistics are described in this Guide by full length entries in the fashion of regular archival inventories of the Historical Records Survey. County and municipal records, however, are described much more briefly, but the essay sections which precede the archival listings, contain, in the instances of birth, death, and marriage records, full length sample entries which constitute full descriptions of all of the types of birth, death, and marriage records commonly found in the custody of the State's ninety-five county court clerks. These sample entries are approximations of how the "Birth Record" and "Death Record", for example, would be described in one of the Survey's county records inventories.

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In several instances, standard recheck procedures and techniques have not been applied to the descriptions of county and municipal records, and the descriptions of these records in this Guide are thus based on preliminary field inventories. Too, many of the original field inventories were made months ago and actual existing conditions have no doubt changed in varying degrees in many counties since the dates of the original field inventories. Except as qualified in the essays which follow, the closing dates shown for the records are those of the field inventories or subsequent rechecks.

It has been impossible to maintain in a guide state-wide in scope a full degree of uniformity in the manner of descriptions between records of the several counties, and in lesser instances between types of records within a single county. The techniques of field inventories have changed considerably during the period in which the records listed were inventoried and the fullness of information on the schedules and forms on file consequently varies considerably from county to county. As certain details are supplied for the first time during the field rechecks, these items are lacking in the descriptions in the Guide. Particularly is this true in indicating in full the methods of arrangement and indexing for records inventoried as early as 1937 and 1938. The editors, however, have made available to the user all the information concerning a record which is readily determinable from the files.

The arrangement of this Guide is simple. The Preface itself contains qualifying statements and explanatory notes, and is followed by a list of abbreviations used. An introductory statement traces in general terms the development of practices concerning vital statistics in the State. Birth, death, marriage, and divorce records are listed in separate section, each having its own introductory essay which discusses legal provisions and practices relating to the type of record in some detail. In the instances of birth and death records, State records precede county and municipal listings. County records are arranged alphabetically by counties and chronologically thereunder by the earliest entry dates. The few municipal records appear as the last entries within the respective counties and follow a similar arrangement. A list of Tennessee counties, showing dates of their creation, provides something of a check of the coverage of the records in relation to the ages of the counties. The recently codified rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Health relative to the registration of births and deaths are carried as an appendix. Another appendix consists of certain blank forms in use. There is an alphabetical index by counties.

The titles and addresses of the custodians are indicated in the bodies of the record entries, and inquiries relating to a record should be addressed to the indicated custodian. Costs of certified copies of county records are indicated in the essays, of State records in both the essays and the entries.

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The original field inventories in the counties were made by a considerable number of project employees under the supervision of Mary Alice Burke, James E. Davis, Arch Faidley, Jr., and Clarence Williams. The inventory of State records was made under the supervision of Vylva Holland, assisted by Willie B. Glenn, Beatrice Kannon, and William H. Etter. The legal materials and essays were prepared under the supervision of Robert Cassell and Henry Hight. Stencils were cut by Helen P. Allen and Patsy R. Floyd.

Acknowledgment of cooperation is due all county officials whose records are listed in the inventory, particularly the clerks of the county and circuit courts, the clerks and masters of the chancery courts, and the county health officers. Particular acknowledgment is made to the officials and staff of the Tennessee State Department of Public Health. Dr. W. C. Williams, Commissioner of Public Health, graciously authorized the inventory of the Department's vital statistics and prepared the Foreword to the Guide. Dr. D. C. Peterson, Director of the Division of Vital Statistics, was exceedingly helpful in making the materials available, offering valuable suggestions, and in reviewing that part of the Guide relating to State records. The blank forms used in the registration of births and deaths were furnished by the Department. Grateful acknowledgment is also made to Mr. John B. Cobb, County Court Clerk of Davidson County, Tennessee, through whose office the Survey was furnished blank marriage license forms.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Abbreviations

Acts	Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
arr.	arranged or arrangement
art.	article
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle(s)
bldg.	building
C	Code of
ch.	chapter
chron.	chronological or chronologically
Const.	Constitution
dist.	district
est.	estimate or estimated
f. b.	file box(es)
f. d.	file drawer(s)
fm.	form
hdw.	handwritten
i.e.	id est (that is)
Ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
L.N.C.	Laws of North Carolina of
no.	number, numbered, or numbering
nos.	numbers
num.	numerical or numerically
P.A.	Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
p. h.	pigeon hole(s)
p., pp.	page, pages
pkg., pkgs.	package, packages
pr.	printed
R. F. D.	Rural Free Delivery
rm.	room
S.R.N.C.	State Records of North Carolina
sec.	section
ses.	session
subsec.	subsection
viz.	videlicet (namely)
vol., vols.	volume, volumes

Symbols

&	and
x	by, in dimensions
--	placed after a year date means from that year to present time

INTRODUCTION

Only one type of vital statistics - marriage records - has been maintained by public agencies in Tennessee throughout virtually the entire history of the State, a statute requiring deposit of the marriage bond with the county court clerk having been enacted in 1778, the year following the creation of the State's oldest county.[1] Records of divorce proceedings, incorporated into the records of the courts of competent jurisdiction, have been almost continuously maintained by the courts since 1799.[2] Only within the last generation, however, did the present effective system of registration replace the earlier and indifferent methods of recording births and deaths.

While importance was first attached to the maintenance of marriage records, it was not until 1815, 19 years after the end of the territorial period, that legislation required the clerks of the county courts to preserve marriage licenses and returns and to maintain registers of returns.[3] Divorce actions, fortunately, were recorded by the superior, circuit, and chancery courts as parts of their proceedings, although records of divorce proceedings have not, in general, been separately maintained.

The legislature, in 1848, came exceedingly close to enacting a bill to "provide for the registration of the births, marriages & deaths throughout the State of Tennessee."[4] The "National Medical Convention," meeting in Philadelphia in May 1847, apparently directed its officers to memorialize the several "State Governments" to enact legislation for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages. The officers of the convention, evidently addressing all state legislatures, prepared a printed memorial which informed the legislatures of the significance of vital statistics.[5] The memorial of the convention pointed to the importance of vital statistics in establishing "proofs of lineage, rights of dower, and bequests of property." The petition also stated, "Upon the circumstances connected with the three important eras of existence, birth, marriage and death, are dependent, to a very great extent, the physical, moral, and civil condition of the human family," and, also, that knowledge of vital statistics was necessary to the advancement of "populations" in "prosperity and

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1. L.N.C. 1778, April ses., ch. 7, sec. 3 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 164, 165).
2. Acts 1799, ch. 19; Acts 1807, ch. 3; Acts 1809, ch. 49; Acts 1819, ch. 20; P.A. 1831, ch. 20; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 19, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10325); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10379). However, the legislature occasionally granted divorces prior to 1835 (Const. 1834, art. 11, sec. 4) in the form of private legislation, set out in the volumes of session laws.
3. Acts 1815, ch. 47 (C 1932, 10087).
4. House Bill No. 318, Twenty-Second General Assembly.
5. "Memorial of the National Medical Convention Held in Philadelphia, May 1847." Legislative Petitions and Memorials, Box 133, Tennessee State Archives and Land Office, Nashville.

civilizations." Practices in the Roman Empire were pointed to; it was offered as proof that the death rate had been reduced and the average span of life increased in those cities and countries of Europe in which there were systems of registrations of vital statistics, particularly in Geneva and certain jurisdictions in France, England, and Prussia.[6] The petition did not suggest a particular system of registration, but a bill embodying the following provisions was introduced into the House of Representatives::

> "1. The revenue commissioner of each civil district in every county of the State was required 'to make a register of the male and female births and the male and female deaths which shall have taken place in his or each civil district during the preceding year. The said register shall set forth the number who shall have died under ten years of age, also those over ten and under twenty-five, and over twenty-five and under forty-five, and over forty-five and under seventy-five and over seventy-five and under one hundred, and also those over one hundred.'
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> "2. It was also provided that the above official keep a register of 'all the marriages which shall have taken place during the preceding year within each civil district, stating the ages and the parentage of the parties as accurately and fully as his knowledge may enable him to do; the registration of the births and deaths shall also give the parentage as nearly as possible, the births and deaths of the blacks shall also be registered in like manner.'
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> "3. The revenue commissioner was directed to furnish a 'correct copy of the register of the County Court Clerk by whom it shall be correctly transcribed into a suitable book procured and kept for the purpose.'
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> "4. The next section of the bill required 'the coroners of the several counties to make a correct return to the county court clerk of the age, sex, place of birth, and manner of death of all persons on whom they may hold inquests.'
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> "5. The final section required the county court clerks to transmit biennially to the Secretary of State an abstract of the records of the registration books as kept by the county court clerks."[7]

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6. "Memorial of the National Medical Convention Held in Philadelphia, May 1847." Legislative Petitions and Memorials, Box 133, Tennessee State Archives and Land Office, Nashville.
7. This description of the bill is a quotation from the Biennial Report of Department of Public Health, 1929-1931, Nashville, 1931, 167, 168.

The bill passed two readings in the House[8] and was reported out of committee favorably, along with the memorial "relating to the physical, moral and civil condition of society."[9] The bill was accordingly passed, 36 to 29.[10] Sent to the Senate, however, the bill survived only one reading and on second reading was rejected.[11] The reasons for the defeat of this bill are not apparent but it has been suggested that the measure failed because it did not provide for compensation to the registrars.[12]

Following successive epidemics of cholera, smallpox, and yellow fever, the legislature, in 1877, after failing to enact a similar measure in 1875, created the first State Board of Health[13] and directed that the Board should "especially study the vital statistics of this State, and endeavor to make intelligent and profitable use of the records of sickness and death among the people."[14] The same legislature made municipal boards of health mandatory in the cities of Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville,[15] and these boards, some of which already existed, appear to have maintained a registration of sorts.

In 1881, no doubt as a result of the lessons learned in disastrous yellow fever epidemics of 1878 and 1879, the legislature created a complicated system for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages throughout the State.[16] This system, which involved the senior justice of the peace in each civil district and the coroner and the county court clerk of each county,[17] appears to have been given a fair trial, as is indicated by the records accumulated in its operation, but it also appears to have been ineffective for it was abandoned in many counties, and in 1883 the act creating it was repealed.[18]

The basis for the present effective statewide system of birth and death registrations was laid in 1909 when legislation provided for a

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8. House Journal, 1847-48, 925, 996.
9. Ibid., 925.
10. Ibid., 996.
11. Senate Journal, 1847-48, 625.
12. Biennial Report of the Department of Public Health, 1929-1931, 168. It may be revealing that a rejected amendment to the bill sought to relieve the revenue commissioners of the duties the bill sought to impose on them.(House Journal, 1847-48, 996).
13. Acts 1877, ch. 98, sec. 1.
14. Ibid., sec. 6. In 1875, the state medical society had urged the legislature to create a State board.(Report of the State Board of Health, 1877-1880, Nashville, 1880, 3, 4).
15. Acts 1877, ch. 98, sec. 7.
16. Acts 1881, ch. 112.
17. Ibid. The provisions of this act are set out in some detail in the sections on births, deaths, and marriages in this Guide.
18. Acts 1883, ch. 160.

central recording system,[19] but this system, too, proved clumsy and largely ineffective, and in 1913 the legislature enacted the so called model vital statistics law.[20] The effectiveness of the 1913 act is indicated by the admission of Tennessee to the United States Death Registration Area in 1917 and to the Birth Registration Area in 1927.[21]

Amended several times,[22] the 1913 law was repealed in its entirety in 1941 but its general provisions were reenacted.[23]

Between 1925 and 1939, the local registrars, who reported to the State Division of Vital Statistics, also made reports to the county court clerks who maintained registers of births and deaths.[24] As this system, in effect, provided merely for poor duplication of information available at the Division of Vital Statistics, it was abandoned in 1939.[25]

In addition to the birth and death records of municipal health agencies listed in this Guide, there are incomplete and scattered records covering long periods of time in the municipal health departments of Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville.

Next to vital statistics in the custody of public agencies, those of the churches are probably second in importance and coverage. Records incorporating vital statistics, and the keeping thereof, vary slightly from denomination to denomination. In general, it may be said that the leading and largest denominations, i.e., Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal and Roman Catholic, all keep a register or record of baptisms, memberships, marriages and deaths. In the case of the Baptist, Methodists, and some smaller denominations, this is a separate record maintained in the custody of the church clerk or secretary. Among Presbyterians, the practice is for the register of vital statistics information to be entered in the church minutes which are kept in the custody of the clerk. The Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal faiths maintain the registers often in separate volumes in custody of the priest or rector. The Churches of Christ are one of the very few denominations in Tennessee which do not regularly maintain records of vital statistics.

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19. Acts 1909, ch. 341.
20. P.A. 1913, ch. 30 (C 1932, 5827).
21. Biennial Report of the Department of Public Health, 1929-1931, 170.
22. P.A. 1923, ch. 7, sec. 47; P.A. 1933, ch. 149 (C 1932, 5829); P.A. 1937, ch. 260, sec. 2.
23. P.A. 1941, ch. 23.
24. P.A. 1925, ch. 86.
25. P.A. 1939, ch. 32.

BIRTH RECORDS

Prior to 1881 there was no general legislation in Tennessee concerning the keeping of birth records, either by State, county or municipal officials, and, consequently no uniform method was followed. The individual counties and municipalities kept such records as their discretion dictated, and in their own manner. The first systematic procedure for the keeping of such records was enacted in a general law passed in 1881.

The act of 1881,[1] setting up a system possibly too detailed to be efficient or possibly too farseeing to be accepted, was repealed by the next General Assembly, in 1883.[2] Under the 1881 act, the person in professional attendance at any birth, or in the absence of such person, the head of the household, was required to send a written report of the birth to the senior justice of the peace in the civil district in which the birth occurred.[3] The justice was required to record the report and transmit, within 30 days, a certified copy of the same to the county court clerk of his county.[4] The clerk was to enter the returns in a well-bound book, with proper indexes. On or before the first day of April in each year, the clerk was required to send certified copies of the records for the previous year to the Secretary of State.[5] These records, along with those of marriages and deaths, were bound in yearly volumes and preserved by the Secretary of State.[6]

With the repeal of this act in 1883, and frequently before, the counties in general returned to the earlier unsystematic methods of preserving birth records; in most instances no records at all were kept. This condition prevailed until 1909 when the forerunner of the present system of keeping of birth records was inaugurated.

The system set up under the act of 1909 called for the cooperation of the county boards of health with the State Board of Health in collecting birth records throughout the State.[7] The person taking the scholastic census in each school district was required to report to the secretary of the county board of health (the county court clerk ex officio) each birth occurring in his district during the preceding scholastic year.[8] The forms filled out by the census takers and filed with the county board of health showed the date of birth, the name of the child, the sex and color, the place of birth, the christian name and the surname of both parents, the nativity of both parents, the occupation of the father, the name of the attending physician of midwife, and the date when the record was made.[9]

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1. Acts 1881, ch. 112.
2. Acts 1883, ch. 160.
3. Acts 1881, ch. 112, sec. 2.
4. Ibid., sec. 3.
5. Ibid., sec. 5.
6. Ibid., sec. 6.
7. Acts 1909, ch. 341, sec. 2.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid., sec. 3.

Birth Records

These records were transcribed into a special book kept by the county court clerk, and the original forms were forwarded to the State Board of Health.[10] The State Board of Health exercised general supervision over the system and maintained a central office at Nashville, for the collection, registration, and tabulation of the records.[11]

An act of 1913, the "Model Vital Statistic Law," established a new system of registration of births,[12] and expressly repealed the act of 1909.[13] In effect this act merely eliminated the participation of the county boards of health and imposed the duties upon district registrars. Each city, incorporated town, and civil district was made a primary registration district, with a local registrar in each district appointed by the State Registrar for a term of 4 years.[14] As the State Registrar was given 90 days after the act took effect, "or as soon thereafter as possible," to appoint the district registrars,[15] it is probable that the act did not become fully effective until January 1914, as is indicated by a gap in the records from 1912 to 1914. Under the 1913 system, the attending physician or midwife at any birth, or in the absence of both of these, the mother or father, was required to file a certificate of birth with the registrar of the district within 10 days after the birth.[16] The district registrar was required to make a complete copy of this certificate in his record book and on or before the tenth day of each month and to forward the original certificates for the preceding month to the State Registrar.[17] As compensation, the local registrar received 25 cents for each certificate properly recorded and sent to the State Registrar.[18] The State Board of Health maintained control of the registration of births through its Division of Vital Statistics.[19]

An act of 1923 reorganized the State Health Department and placed all rights, powers, and duties of the State Board of Health, the Secretary of the Board, and the Director of Vital Statistics, in the State Department of Public Health.[20] The practical effect of this act was to change the name of the office and concentrate the powers and duties into one department. The Division of Vital Statistics, according to the 1913 act, was placed under the supervision of the Secretary of the State Board of Health,

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10. Acts 1909, ch. 341, sec. 3.
11. Ibid., sec. 1.
12. P.A. 1913, ch. 30 (C 1932, 5827).
13. Ibid., sec. 24.
14. Ibid., sec. 3 (C 1932, 5831) sec. 4 (C 1932, 5832).
15. Ibid., sec. 4.
16. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 14 (C 1932, 5851).
17. Ibid., sec. 19 (C 1932, 5861).
18. Ibid., sec. 20 (C 1932, 5862).
19. Ibid., sec. 1 (C 1932, 5827).
20. P.A. 1923, ch. 7, sec. 46 (C 1938, 5828).

who was designated the State Registrar.[21] Amending acts of 1923 and 1933 placed this Division under the Superintendent of Vital Statistics, who was also designated State Registrar.[22] The State Registrar was appointed by and served at the will of the Commissioner of Public Health, subject to the approval of the Governor.[23] Under the 1913 act the State Registrar received an annual salary of $3000[24] and presumably received this salary until 1941.[25]

Between 1925 and 1939, the local registrars were required to furnish the county court clerks in their respective counties a monthly report of all births occurring within their districts.[26] The clerks in turn were required to keep separate record books of these births, showing the name of the child, sex, color, names of parents, civil district or place where born, and date of birth.[27]

An act of 1937 makes the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health the only official agency for the keeping of certificates of births occurring in the State prior to January 1, 1914 and the issuing of certified copies of the certificates.[28] These records are distinguishable from the current birth records and must be signed by the attendant at birth if available, by the parent, or by a relative and a non-relative having actual knowledge, supported by an affidavit.[29] Under the act the records are collected either by allowing the individual to file the record with the Division of Vital Statistics or through agencies set up for this purpose.[30] The information required on these records is:

1. Place of birth - including county, civil district, incorporated town or city; street address; name of hospital or institution.

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21. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 2.
22. P.A. 1923, ch. 7, sec. 47; P.A. 1933, ch. 149 (C 1938, 5828).
23. Ibid.
24. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 2 (C 1932, 5828).
25. This provision was omitted from the Codes of 1938.(C 1938, 5828) The act of 1933 amending Section 5828 of the Code of 1932 merely changed the qualifications of the State Registrar and did not attempt to change any other part of this section.(P.A. 1933, ch. 149) It would seem, therefore, that the compilers of the unofficial Code of 1938 have fallen into error in the codification of this act, and as this is not an official code, the State Registrar was entitled to this salary until the act of 1913 was specifically repealed in 1941.(P.A. 1941, ch. 23, sec. 54).
26. P.A. 1925, ch. 86, sec. 3 (C 1932, 5876); P.A. 1939, ch. 32, sec. 7.
27. P.A. 1925, ch. 86, sec. 1 (C 1932, 5874).
28. P.A. 1937, ch. 260, sec. 2 (C 1938, 5879, subsec. 2).
29. Ibid., sec. 5 (C 1938, 5879, subsec. 4).
30. Ibid., sec. 7 (C 1938, 5879, subsec. 6).

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2. Date of birth.

3. Full name of individual.

4. Sex.

5. Color.

6. Full name of father.

7. Birthplace of father - county and state; or foreign country.

8. Full maiden name of mother.

9. Birthplace of mother - county and state; or foreign country.

10. Any other items as may be deemed necessary for proper identification.[31]

The birth records kept under the 1913 act, which are much more detailed, require the following items to be noted:

1. Place of birth, including the state, county, civil district, incorporated town or city; if in a city, the ward, street and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given instead of the street and house number.

2. Full name of child; if the child dies without a name before the certificate is filed, the words, "died unnamed" are to be entered; if the living child has not yet been named at the date of filing certificate of birth, the space for the name of the child is left blank to be filled in subsequently from a supplemental report made by the parent.

3. Sex of child.

4. Whether a twin, or triplet, or other plural birth; a separate certificate is required for each child in case of plural birth, giving number of child in order of birth.

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31. P.A. 1937, ch. 260, sec. 4 (C 1938, 5879, subsec. 3).

Birth Records

5. Whether legitimate or illegitimate.

6. Full name of father, except for illegitimate children.

7. Residence of father.

8. Color or race of father.

9. Birthplace of father - state or foreign country.

10. Age of father at last birthday, in years.

11. Occupation of father.

12. Maiden name of mother.

13. Residence of mother.

14. Color or race of mother.

15. Birthplace of mother - state of foreign country.

16. Age of mother at last birthday, in years.

17. Occupation of mother.

18. Number of this child of this mother, and number of children of this mother now living.

19. Born at full term.

20. The certificate of the attending physician or midwife as to attendance at birth, including statement of year, month, day, and hour of birth, and whether the child was alive or dead at birth. This certificate must be signed by the attending physician or midwife, with the date of signature and address; if there is no physician or midwife in attendance, then the father, mother or head of the household or institution.

21. Exact date of filing in office of local registrar and registered number of birth, attested by his official signature.[32]

These certificates are permanently bound and a yearly index is maintained

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32. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 15 (C 1932, sec. 5852).

showing the name of the child, the place of birth, the number of the certificate and the volume in which it is contained.[33]

By an act of 1941, a Division of Vital Statistics was organized for the purpose of filing and preserving all birth and death records.[34] This act specifically repealed the 1913 act[35] but reenacted its general provisions with changes being made only in the manner of carrying out these provisions. The Tennessee Department of Public Health is authorized to divide the State into vital statistics registration districts, but the divisions existing under the 1913 act are to be continued until changed by the Department.[36] The compensation of the district registrars remains the same as that provided under the 1913 act.[37] The forms of the certificates recorded must include as a minimum the items required by the respective certificates of the United States Bureau of the Census, which are, more or less, those required by the 1913 act.[38]

As the birth records and reports, in the office of the county court clerk, consist merely of listings of names and other details on each sheet or page, there is little reason for making certified copies thereof; however, such information is available for purposes of establishing proof of age or as a basis upon which a birth certificate may be issued. In the event a person searches the records himself, he may require the county court clerk to examine such data as he has compiled, and for the payment of a fee of 50 cents,[39] the clerk will certify the statement by affixing his seal. For making a transcript of any record, the clerk is allowed a fee of 10 cents per 100 words.[40] If the information sought is in connection with a pension or social security benefits, or for the benefit of a veteran, no fee can be charged by the clerk.

Similarly, there is little reason for obtaining certified copies of the enumerators' records for 1908-12, or the county court clerks' records for 1881-82 in the custody of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The costs of certified copies of other State records are indicated in the record entries. When no certified copy is made, a charge of 50 cents an hour for searching the records is made.[41] There is also a charge of 50 cents per copy of records prior to 1914.[42] There is no cost to certain other State offices, charitable institutions or agencies when an official request is made.

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33. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 18 (C 1932, 5858).
34. P.A. 1941, ch. 23.
35. Ibid., sec. 54.
36. Ibid., sec. 4.
37. Ibid., sec. 44.
38. Ibid., sec. 11
39. C 1932, 10692, subsec. 38.
40. Ibid., subsec. 37.
41. P.A. 1913, ch. 30 (C 1932, 5863).
42. P.A. 1937, ch. 260, sec. 8 (C 1932, 5879).

Birth Records

Samples of complete entry descriptions of birth records, which follow are typical descriptions of the three types of birth records usually found in the office of the county court clerk, shown below in the form they assume in the county records inventories of the Tennessee Historical records Survey.

SAMPLE ENTRIES

REPORTS OF BIRTHS, 1925-39. Est. 300 reports in 3 f. b. Monthly birth reports submitted to the county court clerk by district registrars of vital statistics, showing period covered by report, name, sex, and color of child; names of parents, place of birth, district number, date of birth, numbers of districts included in report, date of report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14½x6x15. County court clerk's vault.

BIRTH RECORD, 1881-82, 1925-1939, 2 vols. (I; one vol. not labeled).
Recordation of births by civil districts, showing name, sex, and color of child; date and place of birth, names and address of parents, and district number. 1881-82, arr. by districts; 1925--, arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by family name. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 260 pp. 17x13x1½. County court clerk's vault.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORD, 1908-12. 1 vol. (I).
Record of births and deaths. Birth record shows district number, name of child, date of birth, sex, color, place of birth, names of parents, their birthplace and occupation, name of attending physician or midwife, and date recorded. Death record shows district number, name of deceased, date and cause of death, sex, color, age, marital status, place of death, occupation at time of death, name of last attending physician, name of justice of the peace or coroner holding inquest, if any; and date recorded. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 16x11x1. County court clerk's vault.

The county records listed below in the custody of the county court clerks and whose closing dates are shown as 1937 or 1938 probably, in all instances, actually extend to 1939, the year in which the statute requiring maintenance of these records was repealed. The closing years shown, however, are those of the field inventories or supplement thereto.

Birth Records

STATE RECORDS

RECORDS OF BIRTHS, 1881-June 1882. 1 vol. (dated 1881).
Record of births compiled from certified copies of records of the several county court clerks submitted annually to the Secretary of State, showing name of county, date of year ending, registration number, date of birth, name, sex, and color of child; names and nativity of father and mother, occupation of father, kinship of parents, if any; and date birth recorded. Arr. alph. by name of county. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 125 pp. 23x17½x1. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

BIRTHS (Enumerators' Registrations), 1909-12. (Births date from 1908). Est. 201,500 registrations in 806 vols. (no. by first contained registration no.).
Original registrations of births compiled by census enumerators and submitted by the county court clerks to the State Board of Health, showing number of registration, name of enumerator, number of school district, ward, names of county, city or town, and State; name, sex, and color of child; date and place of birth, name, birthplace, and occupation of father; name and birthplace of mother, name of attending physician or midwife, date recorded, and signature of the county court clerk. Arr. num. by registration no. and chron. by date recorded. For index, see Births (Index). Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 8x5½x1. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

BIRTH RECORDS, 1909-June 1911. 22 vols. (17 vols. no. 1-9, 1-8, and dated; 5 vols. no. 1-5 and lettered by contained letters of the alphabet).
Summaries of birth registrations compiled by census enumerators and submitted by county court clerks to the State Board of Health, showing school district number, ward, names of county, city or town, and State; date of year ending, name, sex, color of child; date and place of birth, name, birthplace, and occupation of father; name and birthplace of mother, name of attending physician or midwife, and date recorded. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of county. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Records are in poor condition. Aver. 148 pp. 16½x23½x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

BIRTHS (Original Certificates), 1914--. Est. 1,435,100 certificates in 2873 vols. (1215 vols. labeled by names of county, by year and vol. no.; 1658 vols. labeled by year and no. of first contained certificate).
Original certificates of births, showing certificate number, registration number, registration district number, full name of child, date of birth, place of birth; county, civil district, city or town, street address or name of hospital; length of mother's stay in the hospital, or in the community; legal residence of mother: State, county, city or town, and street or R.F.D. number, sex of child, if twin or triplet, whether born first, second, or third; number months of pregnancy, whether parents are married, father's full name, color or race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, and industry or business; mother's maiden name, color or

race, age at time of this birth, birthplace, usual occupation, and industry or business; number of other children born to this mother and now living, number born alive and now dead, and number born dead; mother's mailing address for registration notice, certificate of attendant at birth, signature of physician or midwife, date received by local registrar, and registrar's signature. 1914-25, arr. chron. by year and num. thereunder by certificate no.; also alph. thereunder by name of county; 1926--, arr. chron. by year and num. thereunder by certificate no.; also chron. thereunder by months and alph. thereunder by name of county. For index see Births (Index). Hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 7½x8½x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville. (Certified copy, 50 cents.)

MISC. BIRTHS (Delayed Certificates of Birth), 1926--. (Dates of births 1914-40). Est. 35,000 certificates in 70 vols. (no. by first contained certificate no.).

Original certificates of births occurring since 1914 and filed more than one year after date of birth, showing file or certificate number, full name of individual, place of birth: county, city or town, civil district; date of birth, sex, color, whether parents were married, whether first, second, etc., child of the mother; full name and birthplace of father, maiden name and birthplace of mother, nature of documentary evidence presented, acknowledgment of the circuit court judge, district attorney general, or clerk and master; affidavit of attendant at birth, acknowledgment of notary public, name of State Registrar, and date filed. On the reverse of the form is space for affidavits of a relative and a non-relative and acknowledgments of notaries public. If the attendant at birth completes the affidavit no further proof is required, however, any supporting evidence must be acknowledged by a circuit court judge, district attorney general, or clerk and master. Arr. num. by certificate no. also chron. by month filed and alph. thereunder by name of county. For index, see Births (Index). Hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 7½x8½x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville. (Certified copy, 50 cents.)

Delayed certificates received prior to 1926 were filed with Original Birth Certificates.

STILLBIRTHS (Original Certificates), 1926--. Est. 66,788 certificates (32,250 birth certificates, 32,250 death certificates & 2,288 stillbirths certificates) in 134 vols. (labeled by year and first contained certificate no.).

Original certificates of stillbirths, showing certificate number, registration number, registration district number, full name of child, date of birth, place of birth, county, civil district, city or town, and street number, or name of hospital; length of mother's stay in hospital, or in the community; legal residence of mother: State, county, city or town, street address; sex of child, whether single birth, twin, or triplet; whether child was first, second, etc., of the mother; number months of pregnancy, whether parents are married, father's name, race or color, age, birthplace, occupation, and industry or business; mother's maiden name, race or color, age, birthplace, occupation, and industry or business; number of other

children born to this mother, number now living, number born alive but now dead, and number of others born dead; whether child died before or during labor or operation, cause of stillbirth, affidavit of attendant, or name and address of informant, date and place of burial, cremation, or removal; name and address of undertaker, statement of health officer or coroner in case physician was not present at stillbirth, date of registration, and signature of local registrar. Until late in 1939 certificates of birth and certificates of death were filed together to make up this record, however, since that time stillbirth certificates are filed. Arr. num. by certificate no.; also chron. by months and alph. thereunder by name of county. No index. Hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 7½x8½x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville. (Certified copy, 50 cents.)

Prior to 1926 these certificates were filed with "Births" and "Deaths."

PRIOR BIRTHS, 1937--. Est. 52,705 certificates in 106 vols. (labeled by first contained certificate no.).

Original certificates of births occurring prior to 1914 and filed since 1937 (earliest birth date noted: 1860), showing certificate number, full name of individual, place of birth: county, city or town, civil district; date of birth, sex, color, whether parents were married, whether first, second, etc., child of the mother, full name and birthplace of father, maiden name and birthplace of mother, nature of documentary evidence presented, acknowledgment of circuit court judge, district attorney general, or clerk and master; affidavit of attendant at birth as to facts stated in the certificate, acknowledgment of notary public, name of State Registrar, and date filed; and, on the reverse side affidavit of a relative and non-relative who have actual knowledge as to the date of birth and acknowledgments of notaries public. If the attendant at birth completes the affidavit no further proof is required, however, any supporting evidence must be acknowledged by a circuit court judge, district attorney general, or clerk and master. Arr. num. by certificate no.; also chron. by month filed and alph. thereunder by name of county. For index, see (Index to Prior Births). Hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 7½x8½x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville. (Certified copy, 50 cents.)

BIRTHS (Index), 1909-12, 1914--. 61 vols. and duplicate set, 10 f. d. (7 vols., labeled by vol. nos. 1-7 and by contained letters of the alphabet; 50 vols. labeled by year and contained letters of the alphabet and vol. nos. 1 & 2 for each year; 4 vols. labeled by year and contained letters of the alphabet and vol. nos. 1-4; 9 f. d. labeled by date, initial letter of first contained surname, first contained index code no., and initial letter of first contained given name; 1 f. d. dated 1941). Title varies: Index - Births, 1909-12, 1914-38, 61 vols. and duplicate set.

Index to all original birth certificates and enumerators' registration records, showing code number, name of individual, name of mother, county, date of birth, and page number (which is also certificate or registration

number). This record is compiled according to the Russell Soundex System. Arr. alph. by initial letter of surname, num. thereunder by code no. and alph. thereunder by given name. 1909-12, 1914-38, typed on pr. fm.; 1939, photostat; 1940--, typed on visible index slips. 57 vols. aver. 500 pp. 11x8½x2; 4 vols. over 250 pp. 11x8½x2; f. d., 14½x11½x25. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

(INDEX TO PRIOR BIRTHS), 1937--. Est. 52,705 visible index cards in 12 section visible index files. (labeled by first contained letter of the alphabet and first contained code no.).
Visible card index to certificates of births occurring prior to 1914, filed since 1937, showing code number, name of individual, county, date of birth, and page number (which is also certificate number). Arr. alph. by initial letter of surname, num. thereunder by code no., and alph. thereunder by given name. Typed. 5½x7x17. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

COUNTY AND CITY RECORDS

ANDERSON COUNTY

1881-1883
1908-1912 Record, in "Birth and Death Record," 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

1934-1937 Reports, in "Births and Deaths," 3 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Clinton.

BEDFORD COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

1921-1937 Reports, in "Monthly Report of Births," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

BENTON COUNTY

1881-1882
1904-1907
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Camden.

Birth Records

BENTON COUNTY
(Continued)

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 f. b. 1930-1939 in "Officials Reports, Death Records and Birth Records," 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

BLEDSOE COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1914-1937 Reports, in "Monthly Reports of Registrars of Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1925-1933 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1933--. Record, in "Family Folder," (Birth records of children of pre-school age). 1 f. d. Arr. num. by district number. No index. County Health Officer, Pikeville.

1937--. Record, in "Summary Cards," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Pikeville.

BLOUNT COUNTY

1881-1886
1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Maryville.

1925-1937 Record, 4 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Maryville.

BRADLEY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Cleveland.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Clevoland.

Birth Records

CARROLL COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1930-1938 Reports, in "Report of Births and Deaths," 1 cardboard box. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

CARTER COUNTY

1908-1912
1925-1938 Record, 3 vols. 1 vol. arr. num. by no. of district and chron. thereunder by date of birth; 2 vols. arr. alph. by name of child. 1 vol. no. index; 2 vols., indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Elizabethton.

1930-1937 Record, 4 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Missing Oct. 1933-Jan. 1934. County Health Officer, Elizabethton.

1938--. Record, in "Live Births, Deaths and Still Births," 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Elizabethton.

CHEATHAM COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1 vol. arr. alph. by name of child; 1 vol. arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1925-1937 Reports, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1938-1939 Reports, in "Birth and Death Record," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

Birth Records

CHESTER COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

1914-1938 Reports, 5 jackets and 2 p. h. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

CLAY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. and chron. thereunder by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of family. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

COFFEE COUNTY

1881-1901
1908-1913 Record, 2 vols. Arr. num. by district no. and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

CROCKETT COUNTY

1909-1911
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

1938--. Record, in "Laboratory Reports," 1 f. b. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. County Health Officer, Alamo.

DAVIDSON COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

Birth Records

DAVIDSON COUNTY
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1902--. Record, 19 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. Card index set up in 1930 alph. by name of child. County Health Officer, Nashville.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

DECATUR COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1927-1937 Reports, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

DYER COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1925-1937 Reports, 9 bdl., 2 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1926-1934
1937 Record, 3 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Dyersburg.

FAYETTE COUNTY

1924-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1925-1938 Reports, 5 bdl., 2 loose-leaf binders. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

Birth Records

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1881-1884
1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of district. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1925-1937 Reports, in "Monthly Report of District Registrars," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

GIBSON COUNTY

1881-1882
1909-1912
1925-1939 Reports, in "Vital Statistics Births," 11 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 3 vols. 1881-1882, arr. chron.; 1925-1939, arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of school district. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

GILES COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. num. by no. of district and chron. thereunder by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1934-1938 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

HAMBLEN COUNTY

1908-1924 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

Birth Records

HAMBLEN COUNTY
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1940--. Copy of certificate, 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Morristown.

HAMILTON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. alph. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

1925-1937 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

1934-1937 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 14 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. Includes death records. County Health Officer, Chattanooga.

Chattanooga

1882-1923 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. City Health Officer.

HARDEMAN COUNTY

1881-1911
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. 1 vol. no index; 1 vol. indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

HARDIN COUNTY

1881-1882
1926-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by father's name. No index. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by parent's name. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

1925-1938 Reports, 1 file book. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

HAYWOOD COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of civil district. No index. Includes death records, County Court Clerk, Brownsville.

Birth Records

HAYWOOD COUNTY
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1925-1939 Record, 4 vols. Arr. num. by no. of civil district. No index. County Court Clerk, Brownsville.

HENDERSON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1928-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

HENRY COUNTY

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Paris.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Paris.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

KNOX COUNTY

1881-1937 Record, 5 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

1929-1937 Record, in "Summary Cards of Births," 1 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Knoxville.

Birth Records

Knoxville

1929-1934 Record, 175 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Superintendent, General Hospital.

1881-1936 Reports, 63 f. b., 10 bdl. Arr. alph. and chron. thereunder. No index. City Health Officer, Health Center Bldg., 516 W. Vine Street.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of district. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1925-1939 Reports, in "Monthly Reports of District Registrars," 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1926--. Record, 4 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Ripley.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882 arr. chron. and in "Vital Statistics," 1925-1938 arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of district. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1881-1883
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

Birth Records

LINCOLN COUNTY
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1933-1938 Record, 3 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Fayetteville

LOUDON COUNTY

1909-1911, 1926-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

1925-1937 Reports, 1 f. b., 2 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

McMINN COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1917-1937 Reports, in "Vital Statistics Certificates," 1 bdl., 1 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

McNAIRY COUNTY

1881-1882, 1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1925-1938 Reports, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

MACON COUNTY

1909-1912, 1935-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1909-1912, arr. num. by district no.; 1925-1939, arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1932-1937 Reports, in "Birth and Death Record," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1937-1939 Reports, in "Monthly Reports of District Registrars," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

Birth Records

MADISON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

1925-1937 Reports, in "Monthly Report of Births by Districts," 5 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

MARION COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1925-1939 Reports, in "Birth and Death Records," 2 vols., 2 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg

1925
1935-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

MAURY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1929-1938 Reports, 2 vols., 2 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1932--. Record, in "Vital Statistics," 6 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Health Officer, Columbia.

MEIGS COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

Birth Records

MEIGS COUNTY
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1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk Decatur.

MONROE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1925-1938 Report, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1933-1937 Record, 3 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Madisonville.

1938--. Record, in "Birth and Death Certificate," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Health Officer, Madisonville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1925-1932 Report, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1925--. Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Health Officer, Clarksville.

1930--. Record, 6 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Clarksville.

1933-1938 Report, in "Birth and Death Reports," 1 f. d. Arr. num. by no. of district. No index. Includes deaths. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

OBION COUNTY

1907-1913
1925-1938 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

Birth Records

OBION COUNTY
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1929--. Record, 5 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Recorded on cards from original reports. County Health Officer, Union City.

Union City

1929-1940 Record, 5 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Card record made from original reports. City Health Officer, Union City.

1941--. Record, 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Card record filed with deaths for current year. City Health Officer, Union City.

OVERTON COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

PERRY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of district. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk Linden.

1929-1939 Report, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

POLK COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. chron No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1925--. Report, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Benton.

Birth Records

PUTNAM COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of deaths. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

RHEA COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

1924-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

ROANE COUNTY

1881-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistic Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. and chron. thereunder by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

1925-1938 Report, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

1925-1937 Record, 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

1881-1912 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court
1925-1938 Clerk, Murfreesboro.

1924-1938 Record, 11 f. b. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. County Health Officer, Murfreesboro.

1926-1938 Report, 1 loose-leaf binder, 4 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

Birth Records

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY

1881-1883 Record, in "Record of Births, Deaths and Inquests," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1881-1882
1909-1912
1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1926-1938 Report, 1 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

SHELBY COUNTY

1881-1882
1908-1912
1925-1934 Record, 2 vols. Arr. num. No index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1908-1912 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of birth. No index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1927-1938 Copies of certificates, in "Shelby Births," 31 vols. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. County Health Officer, Memphis.

Memphis

1874-1908 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. No index. City Health Officer, Courthouse.

1909--, Record, 230 vols., 21 bdl. Arr. num. by file no. Separate index. City Health Officer, Courthouse.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

1881-1883 Record, in "Record of Births - Deaths," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 3 vols. 1 vol. arr. chron.; 2 vols. arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1925-1939 Report, 3 vols. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY
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1928--. Record, 10 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Blountville.

SUMNER COUNTY

1881-1882
1909-1912
1925-1938 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1925-1937 Report, in "Birth and Death Reports of District Registrars," 17 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1930--. Report, in "Unreported Births - Unreported Deaths," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

1930-1937 Record, 7 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

1938--. Record, in "Midwife File, Birth and Death Current Year," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

TIPTON COUNTY

1925-1938 Report, in "Monthly Reports of District Registrars," 1 vol., 1 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1934-1938 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Covington.

TROUSDALE COUNTY

1909-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

1939--. Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Hartsville.

Birth Records

UNICOI COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1934--. Record, in "Summary Cards, Births and Deaths," 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Erwin.

VAN BUREN COUNTY

1908-1911 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1925-1939 Report, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

WARREN COUNTY

1881-1897
1926-1938 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1908-1912 Record, in "Birth and Death Register," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1925-1938 Report, 1 vol., 15 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Court Clerk, Jonesboro.

1928--. Record, 7 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County Health Officer, Jonesboro.

1930--. Record, in "Dailies - Unreported Births - Vital Statistics - Reports - Summary Tests - Inoculations," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. (This is a birth record of children of pre-school age). County Health Officer, Jonesboro.

Birth Records

WEAKLEY COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

1937-1939 Reports, in "Report of Local Vital Statistics Registrars," 1 file folder. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

WHITE COUNTY

1908-1909 Record, in "Birth and Death Register," 1 vol. Arr. num. by district no. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

1881-1882
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. 1 vol. arr. chron.; 1 vol. arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by no. of school district. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

WILSON COUNTY

1881-1911
1925-1938 Record, 4 vols. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

1928-1938 Record, in "Summaries of Births and Deaths," 6 f. b. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by family name. County Health Officer, Lebanon.

DEATH RECORDS

The legislation concerning the keeping of death records in Tennessee parallels that requiring birth records to be preserved; the effect of these acts is not repeated in this section except insofar as the reporting officers and the items required on the records differ.[1]

Under the act of 1881,[2] repealed in 1883,[3] each coroner was required to record all inquests held in his district and transmit to the county court clerk a certified copy of each record.[4] These records of deaths were to indicate the date of the death, the Christian and surname of the deceased, his sex and color, whether married or single, the age, place of death, disease or apparent cause of death, the nativity and occupation of the deceased, names of the parents, and date when record was made.[5]

The act of 1909[6] required each scholastic census taker to report each death, as well as each birth, occuring in his district to the secretary of the county board of health (the county court clerk).[7] The items required to be noted on the death certificate were the same as those required by the 1881 act.[8]

Under the act of 1913,[9] which continued in effect until 1941,[10] no person dying within the State could be buried or removed from the State until a permit for burial had been issued by the district registrar.[11] The undertaker, or other person acting as such was made responsible for obtaining the permit of burial from, and filing the certificate of death with, the district registrar.[12] The certificate of death was required to contain the following items:

1. Place of death, including state, county, civil district, incorporated town or city; if in a city, the ward, street and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, its name to be given instead of the street and house number; and if in an industrial camp, the name of the camp to be given.

2. Full name of decedent; if an unnamed child, the surname preceded "Unnamed."

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1. See section on "Birth Records" in this Guide.
2. Acts 1881, ch. 112.
3. Acts 1883, ch. 160.
4. Acts 1881, ch. 112, sec. 4.
5. Ibid., sec. 5.
6. Acts 1909, ch. 341.
7. Ibid., sec. 2.
8. Ibid., sec. 3.
9. P.A. 1913, ch. 30 (C 1932, 5827).
10. P.A. 1941, ch. 23.
11. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 5 (C 1932, 5836).
12. Ibid., sec. 9 (C 1932, 5844).

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3. Sex.
4. Color or race.
5. Marital status - as, single, married, widowed, or divorced.
6. Date of birth, including year, month, and day.
7. Age in years, months, and days; if less than one day, hours or minutes.
8. Occupation.
9. Birthplace - state or foreign country.
10. Name of father.
11. Birthplace of father - state or foreign country.
12. Maiden name of mother.
13. Birthplace of mother - state or foreign country.
14. Signature and address of informant.
15. Official signature of the Registrar, with the date when certificate was filed and registered number.
16. Date of death - year, month, and day.
17. Statement of medical attendance of deceased; fact and time of death; time last seen alive, and the cause of death, with contributory cause (secondary) or complication, if any, and duration of each; and if attributed to dangerous or unsanitary conditions of employment; signature and address of physician or official making the medical certificate.
18. Length of residence (for hospitals, institutions, transient, or recent residents) at place of death, and in the State.
19. Place of burial or removal; date of burial.
20. Signature and address of undertaker or person acting as such.[13]

Where a death occurred without medical attendance, it was made the duty of the undertaker to notify the district registrar of the death, and he in turn was required to have a health officer investigate the case before the burial permit was issued.[14] Stillbirths were registered as both births and deaths and certificates for each were filed with the local registrar with the word "Stillbirth" used in place of a name.[15] Persons selling caskets to purchasers, other than dealers or undertakers, were required to report these sales to the State Registrar on blanks prepared for this purpose, giving the purchaser's name and post-office address, name of deceased, and date and place of death of deceased.[16]

In 1925 the county court clerks were required to keep well-bound books in which the deaths in the respective counties were to be recorded.[17] This record, compiled from the monthly reports of the vital statistics registrars was to show the name of the deceased, age, color, sex, civil

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13. P.A. 1913, ch. 30, sec. 7 (C 1932, 5838).
14. Ibid., sec. 8 (C 1932, 5843).
15. Ibid., sec. 6 (C 1932, 5837).
16. Ibid., sec. 12 (C 1932, 5848).
17. P.A. 1925, ch. 86, sec. 2 (C 1932, 5875).

district or place where born, and place, date and cause of death.[18] This statute, as it affected the county court clerks, was repealed in 1939.[19]

The act of 1941,[20] making very few changes in the system set up by the 1913 act, requires that the death certificate used contain as a minimum the items required on the certificates recommended by the United States Bureau of the Census.[21] Under this act, stillbirths are reported and filed as such, on separate certificates for this purpose and not as both births and deaths as under the 1913 act.[22] The funeral director or person in charge of interment is required to file the certificate of death or stillbirth with the local registrar within 72 hours after the death or stillbirth occurs.[23] A record of these certificates is made by the appropriate local registrar and the originals forwarded to the State Registrar.[24]

As the death records and reports, in the office of the county court clerk, consist merely of listings of names and other details on each sheet or page, there is little reason for making certified copies thereof; however, such information is available. In the event a person searches the records himself, he may require the county court clerk to examine such data as he has compiled, and for the payment of a fee of 50 cents[25] the clerk will certify the statement by affixing his seal. For making a transcript of any record, the clerk is allowed a fee of 10 cents per 100 words.[26] If the information sought is in connection with a pension or social security benefits, or for the benefit of a veteran, no fee can be charged by the clerk.

Similarly, there is little reason for obtaining certified copies of the enumerators' records for 1908-12, or the county court clerks' records for 1881-82 in the custody of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. Costs of certified copies of other State records are indicated in the entries. When no certified copy is made, a charge of 50 cents an hour for searching the records is made.[27] There is no cost to certain other State offices, charitable institutions, or agencies when an official request is made.

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18. P.A. 1925, ch. 86, sec. 2 (C 1932, 5875).
19. P.A. 1939, ch. 32, sec. 7.
20. P.A. 1941, ch. 23.
21. Ibid., sec. 11.
22. Ibid., sec. 36.
23. Ibid.
24. Ibid., sec. 44.
25. C 1932, 10692, subsec. 38.
26. C 1932, 10692, subsec. 37.
27. P.A. 1913, ch. 30 (C 1932, 5863).

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Samples of complete entry descriptions of death records, which follow, are typical descriptions of the types of death records found in the offices of the county court clerks, shown below in the form they assume in the county records inventories of the Tennessee Historical Records Survey.

SAMPLE ENTRIES

REPORTS OF DEATHS, 1925-39. Est. 300 reports in 3 f. b. Monthly death reports submitted to the county court clerk by district registrars of vital statistics, showing period covered by report, name, age, color, and sex of deceased; place of birth, district number, place, district number, date, and cause of death; signature of registrar, number of districts included, date of report, and clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14½x6x15. County court clerk's vault.

DEATH RECORD, 1881-82, 1925--. 2 vols. (I; one vol. not labeled).
Recordation of deaths by civil districts, showing name, age, sex, and color of deceased; place and date of birth, and place, date, and cause of death. 1881-82, arr. by districts; 1925--, arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 260 pp. 17x13x1½. County court clerk's vault.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORD, 1908-12. See sample entry, p. 13.

The county records listed below in the custody of the county court clerks and whose closing dates are shown as 1937 or 1938 probably, in all instances, actually extend to 1939, the year in which the statute requiring maintenance of these records was repealed. The closing years shown, however, are those of the field inventories or supplements thereto.

STATE RECORDS

RECORD OF DEATHS, 1881-82. 1 vol. (dated 1882).
Record of deaths compiled from certified copies of records of the several county court clerks submitted annually to the Secretary of State, showing name of county, date of year ending, registration number, date of death, full name of deceased, sex, color, marital status, age, place of death, disease or apparent cause of death, nativity, occupation, name and residence of parents, relationship of parents, if any; and date death recorded. Arr. alph. by name of county. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 22½x18½x1. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

Death Records

DEATHS (Enumerators' registrations), 1909-12 (Deaths date from 1908). Est. 97,750 registrations in 391 vols. (labeled by first contained registration no.).

Original registrations of deaths compiled by census enumerators and submitted by the county court clerks to the State Board of Health, showing registration number, name of enumerator, school district number, county, city or town, and State; name of deceased, date of death, sex, color, age, marital status, place and cause of death, place of birth, occupation, name of attending physician, justice of the peace, or coroner; date recorded, and signature of the county court clerk. Arr. num. by registration no. and chron. by date recorded. For index, see Deaths (Index). Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 8x5½x1. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

DEATH RECORDS, 1909-June 1911. 8 vols. (6 vols. no. 1-4, 1, 2, and dated; 2 vols. no. 1, 2, and lettered by contained letters of the alphabet).

Summaries of death registrations compiled by census enumerators and submitted by the county court clerks to the State Board of Health, showing school district number, county, city or town, date of year ending, name of deceased, date of death, sex, color, age, marital status, place and cause of death, place of birth, occupation, name of attending physician, justice of the peace, or coroner; and date recorded. Also contains a classification of causes of deaths as to sex, color, and age. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of county. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 223 pp. 16½x23½x2½. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

DEATHS (Original Certificates), 1914--. Est. 801,062 certificates in 1603 vols. (686 vols. labeled by year, names of counties, and vol. no.; 917 vols. labeled by year and first contained certificate no.).

Original certificates of deaths, showing certificate number, registration number, registration district number, full name of deceased, date of death, place of death: county, civil district, city or town, street address, or name of hospital or institution; length of stay in hospital, or in community; legal residence: State, county, civil district, city or town, street or R.F.D. number; if citizen of foreign country, what country; race or color, sex, marital status, age, date and place of birth, name of husband or wife, if married; age of husband or wife, if living; if veteran, name of war; social security number, usual occupation, industry or business, full name and birthplace of father, maiden name and birthplace of mother, name and address of informant, date of burial, removal, or cremation; cemetery and place, name and address of undertaker, date filed, signature or registrar, physician's certification as to dates deceased was attended by him, date and time of death, cause of death, if death was due to external causes, whether accident, suicide, or homicide; date of occurrence, place where injury occurred, signature and address of physician, and date signed. 1914-25, arr. chron. by years and thereunder alph. by name of county and num. by certificate no.; 1926--, arr. chron. by years and num. thereunder by certificate no.; also chron. thereunder

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by months and alph. thereunder by name of county. For index, see Deaths (Index). Hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. $7\frac{1}{2}$x$8\frac{1}{2}$x2. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville, (Certified copy, 50 cents.)

DEATHS (Index), 1909-12, 1914--. 31 vols., 1 duplicate set, 1 triplicate set (1914-30), 6 f. d. (4 vols. dated 1909-12, no. 1-4, and lettered by contained letters of the alphabet; 25 vols. labeled by year; 2 vols. labeled by year and contained letters of the alphabet; 5 f. d. labeled by initial letter of first contained surname, first contained code no., and initial letter of first contained given name; 1 f. d. dated 1941).

Index to all original death certificates and enumerators' registration records, showing index code number, name of deceased, county, date of death, and page number (which is also certificate or registration number). Records for 1909-12, 1932--, were compiled according to the Russell Soundex System but records for 1914-31 are alphabetical indexes and do not show code number but do show volume number. 1909-12, 1932--, arr. alph, by initial letter of surname, num. thereunder by code no., and alph. thereunder by given name; 1914-31, arr. alph. by first three letters of surname. 1909-12, 1914-38, typed on pr. fm.; 1939, photostat; 1940--, typed on visible index slips. 29 vols. aver. 500 pp. 11x$8\frac{1}{2}$x2; 2 vols. aver. 250 pp. 11x$8\frac{1}{2}$x2; 6 f. d., $14\frac{1}{2}$x$11\frac{1}{2}$x25. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

COUNTY AND CITY RECORDS

ANDERSON COUNTY

1881-1883 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph.
1908-1912 Recorded with births. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

1934-1937 Reprints, 3 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Filed with births. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

BEDFORD COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

1922-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

1925-1937 Reports, in "Monthly Report of Deaths," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

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BENTON COUNTY

1881-1882
1908-1912
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1914-1939 Reports, in "Official Reports Death Records and Birth Records," 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1925-1929 Reports, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of report. Separate alph. index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

BLEDSOE COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1914-1938 Reports, in "Report of Deaths," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1933-1938 Record, in "Family Folders," 1 f. d. Arr. num. and alph. Separate alph. index. (Pre-school record). County Health Officer, Pikeville.

1926-1933 Record, in "Miscellaneous," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Pikeville.

1937-1938 Record, in "Summary Cards," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Pikeville.

BLOUNT COUNTY

1881-1886
1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. num. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Maryville.

1925-1937 Report, in "Deaths," 2 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Maryville.

Death Records

BRADLEY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Cleveland.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Cleveland.

CARROLL COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and alph. thereunder by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1930-1938 Reports, in "Report of Births and Deaths," 1 cardboard box. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

CARTER COUNTY

1908-1912
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. 1908-1912, arr. num. by dist. no.; 1925-1938, arr. alph. by name of deceased. 1908-1912, no index; 1925-1938, indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Elizabethton.

1930-1932
1934-1937 Summary Card Record, 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Elizabethton.

1938-1940 Record, in "Live Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths," 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. County Health Officer, Elizabethton.

CHEATHAM COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882, arr. chron. by date recorded; 1925--, arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

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CHEATHAM COUNTY
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1917-1918 Record, in "Soldiers Record German American War 1917," 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1925-1939 Reports, 2 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1938-1939 Reports, in "Birth and Death Record," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

CHESTER COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

1919-1938 Reports, 5 file jackets. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

CLAY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

COFFEE COUNTY

1881-1885 Record, in "Death and Inquest Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

1908-1912 Record, 1 vol. Arr. num. by school dist. and chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

Death Records

CROCKETT COUNTY

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

DAVIDSON COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 5 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

1902-1939 Record, 22 vols. Arr. chron. by date of death. No index. County Health Officer, Nashville.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

1930-1939 Index, 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. County Health Officer, Nashville.

DECATUR COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1925-1937 Reports, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

DYER COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1937 Record, 3 vols. No obvious arr. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1925-1937 Reports, 9 bdl., 2 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

Death Records

DYER COUNTY
(Continued)

1926-1934
1937 Reports, in "Summary Cards Deaths," 1 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Dyersburg.

FAYETTE COUNTY

1925-1938 Reports, 6 bdl., 2 loose-leaf binders. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased and chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1925-1937 Reports, 1 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

GIBSON COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Reports, in "Vital Statistics Death," 11 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882, arr. chron. by date of death; 1925--, arr. alph. by name of deceased. 1881-1882, indexed alph. by name of deceased; 1925--, no index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1917
1919-1922 Reports, in "Vital Statistics," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

Death Records

GILES COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1925-1938 Reports, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

HAMBLEN COUNTY

1908-1924 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

1940 Record, in "Summary Card of Death," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Morristown.

1940 Record, in "Certificate of Death," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Morristown.

HAMILTON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. alph. and chron. thereunder. No index. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

1925-1937 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

1934-1937 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 14 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of individual and chron. thereunder. No index. County Health Officer, Chattanooga.

Chattanooga

1899-1923 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. City Health Officer, Chattanooga.

Death Records

HARDEMAN COUNTY

1881-1912
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1912, 1925-1927, arr. chron.; 1928-1939, arr. alph. by name of deceased. 1881-1912, 1925-1927, no index; 1928-1939, indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

HARDIN COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

1925-1938 Reports, 1 file book. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

HAYWOOD COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. thereunder. No index. County Court Clerk, Brownsville.

1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. num. by dist. no. and alph. thereunder by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Brownsville.

HENDERSON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased and chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1928-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

HENRY COUNTY

1881-1882
1909-1911
1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Paris.

Death Records

HENRY COUNTY
(Continued)

1925-1939 Reports, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. County Court Clerk, Paris.

HUMPRHEYS COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1925-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

KNOX COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

Knoxville

1881-1936 Record, 20 f. b., 10 bdl. Arr. chron. and alph. No index. City Health Officer, Knoxville.

1924-1929 Record, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Superintendent, General Hospital, Knoxville.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1925-1939 Reports, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1926-1939 Record, 3 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Ripley.

Death Records

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 1881-1882 in "Vital Statistics;" 1925-1939 in "Record of Death," 2 vols. 1881-1882, arr. chron.; 1925-1939, arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

1908-1912 Record, 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

1925-1938 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1881-1883
1925-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. No index. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

1925-1938 Reports, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

1933-1938 Record, 1 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Separate index. County Health Officer, Fayetteville.

LOUDON COUNTY

1907-1912
1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. and alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

1925-1937 Reports, 2 bdl., 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

McMINN COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1917-1937 Reports, in "Vital Statistics Certificates," 1 bdl., 1 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Athens.

Death Records

McNAIRY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1925-1938 Reports, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

MACON COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1932-1939 Reports, in "Birth and Death Record," 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of report and num. by dist. no. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1937-1939 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

MADISON COUNTY

1925-1937 Reports, 5 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

1925-1937 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

MARION COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1925
1935-1938 Reports, 2 vols. Arr. chron. and alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

1925-1926
1935-1938 Record, in "Death Record 1925," 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

Death Records

MARSHALL COUNTY
(Continued)

1926-1934 Reports, in "Birth and Death Record," 2 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

MAURY COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1929-1939 Reports, 2 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1929-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1932-1939 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 6 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. County Health Officer, Columbia.

MEIGS COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

MONROE COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. and num. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1925-1938 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1933-1937 Record, 1 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Madisonville.

Death Records

MONROE COUNTY
(Continued)

1938 Record, in "Birth and Death Certificates," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. County Health Officer, Madisonville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

1881-1883
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1925-1932 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1930-1939 Record, 4 f. d. Arr. alph. No index. Summary cards. County Health Officer, Clarksville.

1933-1938 Reports, in "Birth and Death Reports," 1 f. d. Arr. num. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

OBION COUNTY

1925-1930 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

1930-1940 Record, 4 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Card record made from original reports. County Health Officer, Union City.

Union City

1930-1940 Record, 3 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Card record made from original reports. City Health Officer, Union City.

1941 Record, 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by family name. Separate index. Card record filed with births for current year. City Health Officer, Union City.

Death Records

OVERTON COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

PERRY COUNTY

1908-1911 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1926-1939 Reports, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. and alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

POLK COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of births. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1925-1926 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Benton.

PUTNAM COUNTY

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Includes record of births. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

RHEA COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. alph. Indexed alph. Also contains birth records. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

Death Records

ROANE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. Arr. alph. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

1925-1939 Reports, 2 vols. 1 vol. 1925-1934 in "Report of Deaths," Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

1925-1937 Record, 1 vol. No obvious arr. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

1881-1912
1925-1939 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

1926-1939 Reports, 1 file folder, 4 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY

1881-1882
1910
1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1925-1938 Reports, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1937-1938 Record, in "Summary Cards," 1 f. d. No obvious arr. No index. Births and deaths. County Health Officer, Dunlap.

SHELBY COUNTY

1881-1882
1908-1912
1925-1934 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882, 1908-1912, arr. chron. by date recorded; 1925-1934, arr. alph. by name of deceased. 1881-1882, 1908-1912, separate index; 1925-1934, no index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

Death Records

SHELBY COUNTY
(Continued)

1881-1882 Index to records, 1 vol. Arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1914-1938 Record, in "Shelby Deaths," 55 vols. Arr. chron. Separate index. County Health Officer, Memphis.

Memphis

1902-1939 Record, 229 vols., 2 f. d. Arr. chron. by date reported. 1902-1913, no index; 1914-1939 separate index. City Health Officer, Courthouse.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

1881-1883 Record, in "Record of Births-Deaths," 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882 in "Death Record." 1881-1882, arr. chron.; 1925--, arr. alph. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1925-1939 Reports, 3 vols. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date of report. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1928-1940 Record, 3 f. d. Arr. alph. Separate index. County Health Officer, Blountville.

SUMNER COUNTY

1881-1882
1908-1912
1925-1938 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1925-1937 Original reports, in "Births and Deaths Reports," 17 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1930-1938 Reports, in "Unreported Births - Unreported Deaths," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

Death Records

SUMNER COUNTY
(Continued)

1930-1938 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 5 file folders. Arr. chron, No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

1930-1937 Record, 4 f. d., 1 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

1938 Record, in "Midwife File, Birth and Death Current Year," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Gallatin.

TIPTON COUNTY

1925-1938 Reports, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1934-1938 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record Death," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Covington.

TROUSDALE COUNTY

1909-1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of deceased and chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

1939 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

UNICOI COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1934-1938 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 2 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Health Officer, Erwin.

Death Records

VAN BUREN COUNTY

1908-1911 Record, in "Vital Statistics," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1925-1938 Report, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1925-1938 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

WARREN COUNTY

1908-1912 Record, in "Birth and Death Register," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1925-1938 Report, 1 vol., 11 bdl. Arr. chron. by date of death. No index. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1925-1933
1936
1938 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1925-1939 Record, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Jonesboro.

1928-1940 Record, 5 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Jonesboro.

1931-1940 Record, in "Dailies - Unreported Births - Vital Statistics - Reports - Summary Tests - Inoculations," 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Health Officer, Jonesboro.

WEAKLEY COUNTY

1908-1913
1925-1939 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

Death Records

WEAKLEY COUNTY
(Continued)

1935-1939 Reports, in "Report of Local Vital Statistics Registrars," 2 file folders. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

WHITE COUNTY

1881-1882
1925-1939 Record, 2 vols. 1881-1882, arr. chron.; 1925-1939, arr. alph. 1881-1882, indexed alph.; 1925-1939, no index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

1908-1909 Record, in "Birth and Death Register," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. by date recorded. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

1881-1882
1909-1912
1914-1938 Record, 3 vols. 1881-1882 in "Record of Deaths," 1909-1912 in "Vital Statistics Record," 1914-1938 in "Local Register of Births and Deaths." Arr. num. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

1909-1912 Record, in "Vital Statistics Record," 1 vol. Arr. num. by dist. no. and chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

WILSON COUNTY

1911
1925-1939 Record, 3 vols. 1911, arr. alph.; 1925-1939, arr. chron. 1911, no index; 1925-1939, indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

There is no central recording bureau for marriage records in the State, and evidence of marriages is found only in the records of the clerks of the county courts. These records are of three types: applications for licenses, marriage bonds, and marriage licenses. The marriage licenses, certified by the officiant, is the only true record of the fact that the marriage was performed, all other records being preliminary to the actual marriage ceremony.

An act of 1929,[1] repealed in 1935,[2] and revived in 1937,[3] requires a written application, stating the names, ages and addresses of the parties, and the names and address of the female's parents or guardian, to remain open to the public on file in the office of the county court clerk of the county where the female resides, at least 3 days prior to the issuance of the marriage license. Upon good cause shown, the judge or chairman of the county court may suspend the 3 day waiting period, or where the father or mother of the female joins in the application and states that she is over 18 years of age, or where the clerk is certain of his own knowledge that the parties are over 21 years of age, the waiting period may be suspended.[4]

An act of 1778, requiring as a prerequisite to the issuance of the license that a bond be placed with the county court clerk, conditioned that there be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage, was carried in Shannon's comprehensive but unofficial Code of 1917-1919, but not codified in the official Code of 1932.[5] While the giving of a bond is not required by the Code, the records of all counties inventoried by the Tennessee Historical Records Survey indicate that bonds have been required and a continuous record has been kept, frequently incorporated in the marriage record.

The marriage license, required since 1778, shows the name of the county, titles of persons authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony, names of contracting parties, date the license was issued and signature of the county court clerk.[6] This license is issued by the county court clerk to the contracting parties and must be certified by the officiant as to the fact and date of marriage, and returned to the clerk within 30 days.[7] The clerk is required to keep the license and return.[8] The certification

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1. P.A. 1929, ch. 6 (C 1932, 8915).
2. P.A. 1935, ch. 116.
3. P.A. 1937, ch. 81, sec. 2 (C 1938, 8415).
4. P.A. 1929, ch. 6 (C 1932, 8416); P.A. 1937, ch. 8, sec. 3 (C 1938, 8416).
5. L.N.C. 1778, April ses., ch. 7, sec. 3 (C 1917, 4192).
6. L.N.C. 1778, April ses., ch. 7, sec. 2 (C 1932, 8414).
7. Acts 1815, ch. 47, sec. 1 (C 1932, 8421); Acts 1879, ch. 98, sec. 2 (C 1932, 8421); Acts 1889, ch. 134, sec. 2 (C 1932, 8421); P.A. 1915, ch. 109 (C 1932, 8421).
8. Acts 1815, ch. 47 (C 1932, 10087 (2)); Acts 1837-38, ch. 118, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10087 (2)).

of the license, which is written on the back of the license, is not to be confused with the document commonly known as the "marriage certificate," being a record of the marriage made by the clerk for the contracting parties, upon the payment of a specified fee.

Under the vital statistics law of 1881, the clerk was required to keep a record of marriages, compiled from certificates delivered by justices of the peace and ministers, showing the date and place of marriage, names of groom and bride, color, age and place of birth of each; residence of each, occupation of groom, name and station of person performing the marriage, names and residence of two witnesses, and date when record was made.[9] This provision was repealed in 1883.[10]

Although it is not mandatory that the clerks maintain a record of the certificates and bonds, nevertheless these records have been regularly kept. A register of the return of the marriage license, however, is required, showing the names of the parties, the date of issuance of the license, the return of the functionary and the date.[11] As a general rule, a copy of the application and license along with the original bond are kept in a series of volumes known as the "Marriage Record."

Premarriage medical examination is not now required by law. However, an act of 1939 effective July 1, 1941, will make such an examination a legal requirement.[12] Under this act, parties wishing to obtain a marriage license must present to the clerk a certificate from a reputable physician, showing that they have been examined within the past 30 days and are free from any venereal disease.[13] This certificate must be accompanied by a statement from the person in charge of the laboratory making the tests, setting forth the names of the tests, the date made, the name and address of the physician to whom the report was sent, and the name and address of the person whose blood was tested.[14] Applicants to whom a license is refused because of this test may appeal to the circuit court within 60 days.[15]

The cost of certified copies of marriage records is set out by the general statutes regulating the fees for all clerks of courts. A copy of the marriage license and bond may be obtained by the payment of 50 cents to the county court clerk.[16] A certified copy of the marriage application would probably be of little value, but such can be obtained by payment to

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9. Acts 1881, ch. 112, sec. 5.
10. Acts 1883, ch. 160.
11. Acts 1815, ch. 47 (C 1932, 10087 (2)); Acts 1837-38, ch. 118, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10087 (2));
12. P.A. 1939, ch. 122 (C 1938, 8421, subsec. 1).
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid., sec. 2 (C 1938, 8425, subsec. 2).
15. Ibid., sec. 1 (C 1938, 8425, subsec. 1).
16. C 1932, 10704, subsec. 16.

the county court clerk of the general fee of 50 cents for placing the county seal on any record,[17] and 10 cents per 100 words for transcribing the record.[18]

Samples of complete entry descriptions of marriage records, which follow, describe typical records completely, in the form followed in the county records inventories of the Tennessee Historical Records Survey.

SAMPLE ENTRIES

MARRIAGE APPLICATION, NOTICE, AND AFFIDAVIT, 1929-35, 1937--. 12 vols.

Applications for marriage licenses, showing date filed, names, ages, and addresses of contracting parties; names and address of female's parents, guardian, or next of kin; oath and signature of male applicant, and acknowledgement and signature of the clerk; also copies of notices to female's parents, guardian, or next of kin; showing that application for license has been filed, and a returned affidavit as to age of female named in application, signed by the female's parents, guardian, or next of kin; and acknowledged by a justice of the peace or notary public. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 12x10x1. 11 vols., 1929-35, records rm.; 1 vol., 1937--, office.

MARRIAGE BOND RECORDS, 1889--. 9 vols. (1; eight vols. not labeled).

Original marriage bonds, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 455 pp. 14x9½x2½. 5 vols., 1889-98, 1921--, vault; 4 vols., 1899-1920, records rm.

MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1870--. 2 f. b. (dated)

Original marriage licenses issued by the clerk and returned by officiants, showing names and addresses of contracting parties, date issued, name of clerk, date of marriage, and signatures of officiant and witnesses. Arr. chron. by years and alph. thereunder by name of groom. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 21½x12x12½. 1 f. b., 1870-1935, records rm.; 1 f. b., 1936--, office.

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17. C 1932, 10692, subsec. 38.
18. Ibid., subsec. 37.

Marriage Records

MARRIAGE RECORD, 1861--. 28 vols. (A-Z, AA; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Marriage Docket, 1867-76; Marriage Bonds, 1919-29.

Record of marriage licenses, original bonds, applications, and affidavits. 1865-76, record contains only the names of contracting parties, and a record of license return, showing name of officiant and date ceremony performed. 1861-64, 1877--, record contains copy of license issued, showing names and addresses of contracting parties, age of each, date license issued, and signature of clerk; record of return, showing name of officiant, and date ceremony performed; and original bond, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, and signature of principal and sureties. 1929--, record also contains application for license, showing name, address, and age of each contracting party; names and address of female applicant's parents, guardian, or next of kin; oath of male applicant as to truthfulness of statement in application, and signature of applicant. Affidavits as to female applicant's age, signed by parent, guardian, or next kin; and returned to the clerk, are pasted in the volumes. Arr. chron. 1861-64, indexed alph. by name of groom; 1865--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm., 1861-64, 1877--; hdw., 1865-76. Aver. 600 pp. 16½x12x2½. Vault.

THE RECORDS

ANDERSON COUNTY

1859-1881
1894--. Record, 16 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

1890-1926 Bonds, 13 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clinton.

BEDFORD COUNTY

1848--. Licenses, 27 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

1861--. Record, 28 vols. Arr. chron. 1861-1864, indexed alph. by name of groom; 1865--, indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Shelbyville.

BENTON COUNTY

1837-1866
1869-1878 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk Camden.

Marriage Records

BENTON COUNTY
(Continued)

1844--. Licenses, 13 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1879-1898 Bonds, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of recordation. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1899--. Record, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1929--. Notices and affidavits, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

1929--. License applications, 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Camden.

BLEDSOE COUNTY

1905--. Licenses, 4 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. Partially destroyed by fire 1905-1907. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1908--. Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

1929-1935
1937--. License applications, 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Pikeville.

BLOUNT COUNTY

1795--. Licenses, 75 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Maryville.

1795--. Record, 27 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Maryville.

Marriage Records

BRADLEY COUNTY

1864--. Record, 25 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Cleveland.

1928--. Licenses, 3 bdl., 4 f. b. Arr. num. by license no. No index. County Court Clerk, Cleveland

1929--. License application, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Cleveland.

CARROLL COUNTY

1838-1864 Record, 35 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license.
1873--. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1870--. Licenses, 90 bdl. Arr. chron. by date of license. No index. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

1929--. License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Huntingdon.

CARTER COUNTY

1796--. Licenses, 29 f. b. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Elizabethton.

1796--. Record, 24 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Elizabethton.

1929--. License applications, 21 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Elizabethton.

CHEATHAM COUNTY

1856--. Licenses, 7 f. b. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1856--. Record, 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. 1856-1881, 1893-1897, no index; 1882-1892, 1898--, indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

Marriage Records

CHEATHAM COUNTY
(Continued)

1865-1881 Licenses (Colored), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

1937--. License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Ashland City.

CHESTER COUNTY

1891--. Licenses, 31 jackets. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

1891--. Record, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Henderson.

CLAY COUNTY

1871--. Record, 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date license returned. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1871--. Licenses, 34 p. h. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

1922--. Bonds, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Celina.

COFFEE COUNTY

1853--. Record, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of male. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

1867
1871-1895
1999
1904-1914
1917--. Licenses, 4 boxes. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

1881-1885
1924--. Bonds, 13 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Manchester.

1929-1935 License applications, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Manchester

Marriage Records

CROCKETT COUNTY

1872--. Record, 20 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

1929-1935
1937--. License applications, 4 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

1934--. Licenses, 5 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. County Court Clerk, Alamo.

DAVIDSON COUNTY

1789--. Licenses, 331 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

1789--. Record, 59 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. 1789-1837, 1900--, indexed alph. by names of parties; 1838-1899, separate index. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

1838-1899 Record index, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

1937--. License applications, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Nashville.

DECATUR COUNTY

1869-1922
1927--. Record, 14 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1927--. Licenses, 2 f. b. Arr. num. by license no. No index. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

1929--. License applications, 7 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decaturville.

DYER COUNTY

1879-1883 License index (White), 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1881-1890 License index (Colored), 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1881--. Record, 8 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

Marriage Records

DYER COUNTY
(Continued)

1897--. Licenses, 101 tie envelopes. Arr. chron. 1879-1883, separate index; 1884--, no index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1912 Bonds, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

1929-1933 License applications, 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Dyersburg.

FAYETTE COUNTY

1838--. Record, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license. 1838-1870, 1919--, indexed alph. by names of parties; 1871-1918, no index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1869-1875 Bonds, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1871-1918 Record index, 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1924--. Licenses, 6 f. b., 11 bdl. Arr. chron. by date returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

1929--. License applications, 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Somerville.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1838--. Record, 23 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1857-1875 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1865-1903 Record, in "Freedman's Marriage Record," 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1870--. Licenses, 82 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

Marriage Records

FRANKLIN COUNTY
(Continued)

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1889-1903 Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

1929-1935 License applications, 8 vols. Arr. chron. No index.
1937--. County Court Clerk, Winchester.

GIBSON COUNTY

1824-1907 Licenses, 156 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No
1912--. index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1824-1847 Bonds, 14 vols., 53 f. b. Arr. chron. by date executed.
1851-1924 Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1860--. Record, 13 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

1929-1933 License applications, 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed.
1938--. No index. County Court Clerk, Trenton.

GILES COUNTY

1818 Licenses, 77 bdl., 4 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of return.
1822-1824 No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.
1826-1827
1831-1846
1848--.

1865--. Record, 11 vols. 1865-1913, arr. chron. by date of return; 1914--, arr. alph. by name of groom. 1865-1913, indexed alph. by name of groom; 1914--, no index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1869--. Bonds, 27 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

1929-1933 Notices, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

Marriage Records

GILES COUNTY
(Continued)

1929--. License applications, in "Marriage Record," 6 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. County Court Clerk, Pulaski.

GRUNDY COUNTY

1884--. Licenses, 3 p. h. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Altamont.

HAMBLEN COUNTY

1870--. Licenses, 13 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

1870--. Record, 21 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

1929-1931 License applications, 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Morristown.

HAMILTON COUNTY

1857--. Record, 40 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

1858--. Licenses, 35 boxes, 37 bdl. Arr. num. by license no. No index. County Court Clerk, Chattanooga.

HARDEMAN COUNTY

1823-1851
1861-1894 License index, 6 vols. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

1824-1862 Bonds, 7 f. b. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

1838-1852
1861--. Record, 15 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

Marriage Records

HARDEMAN COUNTY
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1929-1935
1937--. License applications, 14 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Bolivar.

HARDIN COUNTY

1867--. Record, 25 vols. Arr. chron. by date application filed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

1930--. Licenses, 4 p. h. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Savannah.

HAYWOOD COUNTY

1859--. Record, 38 vols. Arr. chron. 1859-1873, no index; 1874-1925, 1929--, indexed alph. by name of groom; 1926-1928, separate index.

1929-1935
1937--. License applications, 18 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Brownsville.

HENDERSON COUNTY

1893--. Record, 14 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1895--. Licenses, 9 f. b. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

1929-1935 License applications, 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Lexington.

HENRY COUNTY

1838-1929 Record, 5 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Paris.

1846
1851-1894
1896--. Licenses, 24 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Paris.

Marriage Records

HENRY COUNTY
(Continued)

1868--. Record, 24 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Paris.

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Paris.

1929-1934 License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed.
1937--. No index. County Court Clerk, Paris.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

1861-1868 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of
1871-1883 groom. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1883--. Record, 14 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1898--. Licenses, 33 tie envelopes. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

1929--. License applications, 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Waverly.

JAMES COUNTY

1913-1919 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk of Hamilton County, Chattanooga.

KNOX COUNTY

1792--. Licenses, 36 f. b. No obvious arr. Separate index. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

1792--. License index, 9 vols. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

1838--. Record, 20 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

1840--. Bonds, 52 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Knoxville.

Marriage Records

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

1838-1867 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1868--. Record, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date bond executed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Ripley.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1838--. Record, 26 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

1929-1934
1937--. License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Lawrenceburg.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1838--. Record, 38 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

1854--. Licenses, 100 f. b., 2 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Fayetteville.

LOUDON COUNTY

1870-1873
1875
1878
1881
1883
1885-1887
1890-1892
1894--. Licenses, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by years and alph. thereunder by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

1870--. Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

1889--. Bonds, 9 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

Marriage Records

LOUDON COUNTY
(Continued)

1929-1935 License applications, 12 vols. Arr. chron. No index.
1937--. County Court Clerk, Loudon.

MCMINN COUNTY

1820--. Licenses, 32 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1821-1878 Bonds, 26 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1838--. Record, 26 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Athens.

1929--. License applications, 10 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Athens.

MCNAIRY COUNTY

1861--. Record, 25 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1869--. Licenses, 35 p. h. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Selmer.

MACON COUNTY

1901--. Record, 20 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1926-1932 Bonds, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

1932--. Licenses, 2 p. h. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Lafayette.

MADISON COUNTY

1838--. Record, 21 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

Marriage Records

MADISON COUNTY
(Continued)

1850--. Licenses, 1020 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Jackson.

MARION COUNTY

1881-1888
1920--. Record, 10 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

1922--. Licenses, 1 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

1929-1935 License applications, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Jasper.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1838-1889 Record, 4 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

1865-1882 Bonds (Colored), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

1877--. Licenses, 15 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

1882-1889 Bonds, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

1929--. License applications, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Lewisburg.

MAURY COUNTY

1808--. Record, 17 vols. Arr. num. by license no. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1808-1899 Bonds and licenses, 91 f. b. Arr. chron. by date license issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1836--. Licenses, 2 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

Marriage Records

MAURY COUNTY
(Continued)

1865--. Record (Colored), 12 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1889-1929 Bond record, 18 vols. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1900-1929 Licenses, 58 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1930--. Licenses (White), 20 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1930--. Licenses (Colored), 20 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

1937--. License applications, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Columbia.

MEIGS COUNTY

1838-1845
1857--. Record, 9 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

1866-1881 Licenses (Colored), 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

1903--. Licenses, 3 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

1929--. License applications, 3 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Decatur.

MONROE COUNTY

1838--. Record, 29 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1863--. Licenses, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1881-1883 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

1929
1935--. License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

Marriage Records

MONROE COUNTY
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1929--. Notices of applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. County Court Clerk, Madisonville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

1802--. Licenses and bonds, 30 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1838--. Record, 58 vols. 1838-1872, arr. num. by license no.; 1873--, arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom; also separate index. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

1838--. General index, 2 vols. Arr. alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Clarksville.

OBION COUNTY

1838 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

1881-1882 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

1926--. Licenses, 16 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Union City.

OVERTON COUNTY

1867--. Licenses, 3 f. b., 2 p. h. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

1867-1886
1894-1904 Bonds, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

1881-1927 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

1904--. Bonds and record, 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application and bond. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

1930--. License applications, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

Marriage Records

OVERTON COUNTY
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1937--. Application, Waivers, 4 bdl. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Livingston.

PERRY COUNTY

1865--. Record, 7 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1872-1876
1900-1910
1921-1936 Bonds, 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1879
1928--. Licenses, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

1929-1934
1937--. License applications, 5 vols., 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Linden.

POLK COUNTY

1894--. Record, 15 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1900
1903
1913-1929
1935--. Licenses, 3 vols., 1 box. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. County Court Clerk, Benton.

1929 License applications, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Benton.

PUTNAM COUNTY

1879-1881
1892-1894
1899--. Record, 10 vols. Arr. num. by no. of license. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

1929-1933 Notices and affidavits, 1 tie envelope. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

1937--. License applications, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

Marriage Records

PUTNAM COUNTY
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1938--. Licenses, 3 bdl. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Cookeville.

RHEA COUNTY

1808-1937 Licenses, 4 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

1808-1937 Record, 19 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

1934-1937 License applications, 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Dayton.

ROANE COUNTY

1802--. Licenses, 125 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

1838--. Record, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date license returned. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

1866-1879 Licenses (Colored), 1 vol. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

1888--. Bonds, 12 vols. Arr. num. by bond no. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

1929--. License applications, 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Kingston.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

1839--. Record, 38 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

1839--. Licenses, 15 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Springfield.

Marriage Records

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

1804--. Record, 26 vols. Arr. chron. 1804-1910, separate index; 1911--, indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

1804-1910 Record index, 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

1804-1899 License, 9 bdl., 61 f. b. Arr. chron. No index.
1929--. County Court Clerk, Murfreesboro.

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY

1858-1933 Record, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1859-1938 License, 1 box. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1881-1897 Record, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of marriage. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

1929-1938 License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Dunlap.

SHELBY COUNTY

1820--. Record, 81 vols. Arr. chron. by date of license and num. by license no. Separate alph. index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1820--. Index, 81 vols. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1829--. Applications, 63 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1830--. Licenses, 801 bdl., 26 f. d. Arr. num. by license no. Separate alph. index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1881-1882 Record, 1 vol. Arr. num. by entry no. Separate index. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

1881-1882 Record index, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of parties. County Court Clerk, Memphis.

Marriage Records

SMITH COUNTY

1838--. Record, 13 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Carthage.

1840-1877
1880-1887
1889--. License, 70 f. b. Arr. num. by license no. No index. County Court Clerk, Carthage.

1860--. Record, 19 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Carthage.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

1861--. Licenses, 15 f. b., 26 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1861--. Bonds, 7 f. b., 3 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1863--. Record, 15 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1880--. Bond record, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

1929--. License applications, 44 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Blountville.

SUMNER COUNTY

1791-1796
1800
1803-1813
1816--. Licenses and bonds, 277 f. b., 60 pkgs. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1845-1861
1869-1929 License record, 13 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1899-1929 Bond record, 16 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

1929--. Bond and license record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of bond and license. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Gallatin.

Marriage Records

TIPTON COUNTY

1840--. Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1847--. Licenses, 12 f. b., 66 p. h. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. County Court Clerk, Covington.

1865-1871 Record, 1 vol. Licenses issued to ex-slaves. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Covington.

TROUSDALE COUNTY

1905--. Licenses, 4 f. d. Arr. chron. by date license issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

1906--. Record, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

1929--. Notices, 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. County Court Clerk, Hartsville.

UNICOI COUNTY

1876--. Licenses, 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1876--. Record, 11 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

1929--. License applications, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Erwin.

VAN BUREN COUNTY

1940--. Licenses, 2 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of groom. No index. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1840-1878
1881--. Record, 6 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

1929--. Licenses applications, 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. County Court Clerk, Spencer.

Marriage Records

WARREN COUNTY

1852-1871 Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1865-1871 Bond record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1871--. Record, 22 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1888--. Licenses, 13 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

1929--. License applications, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, McMinnville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1787--. Licenses, 59 f. d. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Jonesboro.

1805--. License record, 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Jonesboro.

WEAKLEY COUNTY

1843--. Record (White), 27 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

1866-1914 Record (Colored), 5 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

1866-1878 Record index, 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

1884--. Licenses, 18 f. b., 31 bdl. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

1929--. License applications, 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Partially missing 1930-34, 1935-38. County Court Clerk, Dresden.

WHITE COUNTY

1809-1886 Bonds, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

Marriage Records

WHITE COUNTY
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1830--. Licenses, 9 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

1838--. Record, 14 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

1929--. License applications, 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. County Court Clerk, Sparta.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

1800--. Licenses, 14 f. b., 108 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

1804-1836
1838-1858
1860-1868
1871-1938 Record, 39 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

1865-1866
1874 Licenses (Colored), 3 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Franklin.

WILSON COUNTY

1802--. Licenses and bonds, 222 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

1838-1924 Record, 10 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

1897-1924 Bonds, 7 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of groom. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

1925--. Record, 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of parties. County Court Clerk, Lebanon.

DIVORCE RECORDS

The keeping of divorce records in Tennessee has never been the subject of specific legislation, and is controlled only by implication in acts requiring the clerks of the various courts to maintain complete records of all court proceedings.[1] There are no centrally maintained divorce records.

Divorce records will naturally be found in the courts which, from time to time, have maintained jurisdiction over divorce cases. From 1799 until 1807, the now defunct superior court of law and equity, predecessor of the present circuit court, held jurisdiction over all divorce suits.[2] With the creation of the circuit court in 1809,[3] the power to hear and decide divorce suits was vested in the newly created circuit court,[4] but the granting of divorces was shared with the General Assembly until 1835 when such jurisdiction was specifically taken away from the legislature.[5]

Since 1836, the circuit court and the chancery court, together with a few special courts of common law jurisdiction, have held concurrent authority to try divorce cases.[6]

While the records of these cases will, in most instances, be mixed with all other cases coming before the court, in a few counties separate books for divorce cases have been kept. Counties in which separate divorce records have been kept at one time or another include Davidson, Gibson, Giles, Hamilton, Lauderdale, Marshall, Perry and Washington.[7] Since divorce records will, in the remaining instances, be found in almost all records, the minutes and original papers are listed in this Guide.

THE RECORDS

ANDERSON COUNTY

1816--. Record, in "Record," (Civil and Criminal Minutes, 1816-1902; Civil Minutes, 1903--.), 28 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clinton.

1856--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 195 p. h.; 8 f. d. Arr. alph. by case. No index. Clerk and Master, Clinton.

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1. C 1932, 10052, subsec. 2.
2. Acts 1799, ch. 19; Acts 1807, ch. 3.
3. Acts 1809, ch. 49.
4. Ibid., ch. 98; Acts 1819, ch. 20; Acts 1831, ch. 20.
5. Const. 1834, art. 11, sec. 4.
6. Acts 1835-36, ch. 19, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10325); Acts 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10379).
7. See entries in this Guide under name of county.

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ANDERSON COUNTY
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1860--. Original, in "Trial Papers," 4 f. d., 174 f. b. Arr. alph. by case. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clinton.

1865--. Record, in "Minutes," 14 vols. Arr. chron. 1856-1925, no index; 1926--, indexed alph. Clerk and Master, Clinton.

BEDFORD COUNTY

1837--. Record, in "Minutes," 27 vols. Arr. chron. 1837-1871, no index; 1871--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Shelbyville.

1840--. Record, in "Record," 1840-1869; in "Minute Book," 1870-1890; in "Civil Minutes," 1891-1914; in "Civil and Criminal Minutes," 1915--, 41 vols. Arr. chron. 1840-69, separate index; 1870--, indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Shelbyville.

1890--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 92 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Shelbyville.

1913--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 47 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Clerk and Master, Shelbyville.

BENTON COUNTY

1836--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1836-1853, 1883-1891; in "Minutes," 1854-1881, 1892--, 18 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1836-1877, 1882--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; 1878-1881, no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Camden.

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 196 f. b., 16 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Camden.

1854--. Record, in "Minute Book," 14 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Camden.

1886--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 199 f. b. Arr. chron. Indexed by separate vol. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Camden.

BLEDSOE COUNTY

1834-1841
1845-1846 Record, in "Records," 1834-1841, 1845-1871; in "Minute Book," 1876-1889; in "Minutes," 1890-1924; in "Minutes

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BLEDSOE COUNTY
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1855-1862 1865--. Circuit Court," 1925--, 17 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pikeville.

1836--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1836--; in "Chambers Orders and Decrees," 1931--, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Pikeville.

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 209 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Pikeville.

1858--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 78 f. b., 110 bdl. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pikeville.

BLOUNT COUNTY

1852--. Record, in "Record Book," (Civil and Criminal Minutes), 1852-1924; in "Civil Record," 1925--, 21 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Maryville.

1853--. Record, in "Minutes," 16 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk and Master, Maryville.

1858--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 205 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk and Master, Maryville.

1885--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 169 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Maryville.

BRADLEY COUNTY

1834--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Civil & Criminal), 90 f. b., 1130 bdl. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cleveland.

1838--. Record, in "Record Book," 1838-1902; in "Minutes," (Civil and Criminal), 1903-1924; in "Minutes," (Civil), 1925--, 22 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cleveland.

1840--. Papers, 1 bdl., 2 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Cleveland.

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BRADLEY COUNTY
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1840--. Record, in "Record," 1840-1923; in "Minutes," 1922--, 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Cleveland.

CARROLL COUNTY

1825--. Papers, in "Chancery Trial Papers," 198 f. b., 24 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Huntingdon.

1836-1843
1855-1861
1866--. Record, in "Order Book," 1836-1843; in "Minutes," 1855-1861, 1866--, 23 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1836-1843, no index; 1855-1861, 1866--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Huntingdon.

1912--. Record, in "Civil Minutes," 6 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Huntingdon.

1928--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 2 cardboard boxes, 12 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Huntingdon.

CARTER COUNTY

1836--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 150 bdl., 81 f. d., 20 p. h. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Elizabethton.

1849--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 59 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Elizabethton.

1854--. Record, in "Minutes," 22 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Elizabethton.

1868--. Record, in "Civil Cases," (Minutes), 13 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Elizabethton.

1937--. Record, (Bar), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Elizabethton.

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CARTER COUNTY
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1937--. Record, (Judge), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Elizabethton.

1937--. Record, (Clerk), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Elizabethton.

CHEATHAM COUNTY

1857--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1857-1867, 1877--; in "Records," 1868-1877, 12 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ashland City.

1868--. Record, in "Record," 1868-1877; in "Minute Book," 1878-1893; in "Minutes," 1893--, 8 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Ashland City.

1882--. Papers, in "Original Papers," 103 f. b., 3 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk and Master, Ashland City.

1891--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 127 files. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ashland City.

CHESTER COUNTY

1882--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 1325 jackets. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Henderson.

1891--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 90 folders, 462 jackets. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Henderson.

1891--. Record, in "Minute Book," 5 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Henderson.

1891--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil & Criminal), 1891-1929; in "Civil Minutes," 1930--, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Henderson.

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CLAY COUNTY

1871--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 58 bdl., 17 p. h. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Celina.

1871--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 112 p. h. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Celina.

1871--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil & Criminal), 1871-1915; in "Minutes," (Civil), 1916--, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Celina.

1871--. Record, in "Minutes," 8 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Celina.

COFFEE COUNTY

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 31 cardboard boxes, 153 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk and Master, Manchester.

1855--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 13 cardboard boxes, 28 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Manchester.

1855--. Record, in "Minutes," 1855--; in "Minutes," (Tullahoma Circuit Court), 1921-1923, 27 vols. Arr. chron. by date of court term. 1855-1858, no index; 1859--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Manchester.

1868--. Record, in "Minutes," 1868--; in "Chamber Minutes," 1929--, 15 vols. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Manchester.

CROCKETT COUNTY

1872--. Record, in "Minute Book," 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Alamo.

1872--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 110 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Alamo.

1872--. Record, in "Minutes," 1872-1930; in "Minute Book," 1931--, 19 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Alamo.

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1914--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 16 p. h. Arr. chron. by date case is disposed. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Alamo.

DAVIDSON COUNTY

1811--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 1st Circuit Court, 798 f. b., 4 f. d., 45 cardboard boxes. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by court term. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1812--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1812-1880, 1898--; in "Minutes," 1881-1898, 1st Circuit Court, 144 vols. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1846--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," Parts I and II Chancery Court, 3268 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Nashville.

1846--. Record, in "Minutes," Part 1 Chancery Court, 165 vols. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Nashville.

1855-1939 Record, in "Divorce Docket," 1st Circuit Court, 16 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1895--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 2nd Circuit Court, 444 bdl., 524 f. b., 3 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1895--. Record, in "Minutes," 2nd Circuit Court, 52 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1895-1939 Record, in "Divorce Docket," 2nd Circuit Court, 9 vols. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1913--. Papers, 483 f. b., 3 f. d., 3 cardboard boxes. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1913--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1913-1920, 1931--, in "Minutes," 1920-1930, 3rd Circuit Court; in "Divorce Docket,"

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3rd Circuit Court, 28 vols. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

1915--. Record, in "Minutes," Part II Chancery Court, 39 vols. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Nashville.

1939--. Record, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Divorce Docket used by all divisions of Circuit Court. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nashville.

DECATUR COUNTY

1868--. Record, in "Records," 1868-1884; in "Minutes," 1885--, 11 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Decaturville.

1913--. Papers, in "Case Records," (Original Trial Papers), 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Decaturville.

1927--. Papers, in "Divorce Cases," 1927-1934; in "Civil Cases," 1935--, 10 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Decaturville.

1927--. Record, in "Minutes," 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Decaturville.

DYER COUNTY

1854--. Record, in "Minute Book," 29 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. No index. Clerk and Master, Dyersburg.

1859--. Papers, in "Chancery Trial Papers," 410 boxes. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Dyersburg.

1860--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 43 p. h., 71 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dyersburg.

1865--. Record, in "Minute Book," 29 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dyersburg.

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FAYETTE COUNTY

1829-1844
1847-1851
1859--. Record, in "Record Book," 1836-1839; in "Records," 1847-1851; in "Minutes," 1829-1836, 1842-1844, 1859--, 34 vols. Arr. chron. 1829-1836, no index; 1837-1844, 1847-1851, 1859--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Somerville.

1887--. Papers, in "Civil Papers," 20 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Somerville.

1896--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 26 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Somerville.

1925--. Record, in "Minutes," 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Somerville.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1832--. Record, in "Minutes," 33 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Winchester.

1834--. Record, in "Record Book," 1834-1859; in "Minutes," 1859-1871, 1881-1883; in "Minute Book," 1871-1880, 1884--; in "Chambers Minutes," 1921--, 32 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Winchester.

1845--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 329 f. b. 1845-1937, arr. chron.; 1937--, arr. alph. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Winchester.

1860--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 454 p. h., 6 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk and Master, Winchester.

GIBSON COUNTY

1824--. Papers, in "Civil Cases," (Disposed), 1824--; in "Divorce Cases," (Pending), 1935--, 70 p. h., 57 f. d. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Trenton.

1824--. Record, in "Record Book," 1844-1849; in "Minutes," 1824-1843, 1850--, 38 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Trenton.

1840--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 473 f. b., 31 p. h., 8 f. d., 1 cardboard box. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Trenton.

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GIBSON COUNTY
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1840--. Record, in "Minutes," 46 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Trenton.

GILES COUNTY

1810-1831
1836-1838
1844-1848
1850-1855
1858-1860
1865--. Record, in "Civil & Criminal Minutes," 1810-1831, 1836-1838, 1850-1855, 1858-1860, 1865-1869; in "Minute Book," 1844-1848, 1870-1871; in "Civil Minutes," 1871--, 27 vols. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pulaski.

1833--. Papers, in "Retired Cases," 1833--; in "Active Divorce Cases," 1926--, 453 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. Separate index. Clerk and Master, Pulaski.

1840--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 201 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pulaski.

1848--. Record, in "Order Book," 57 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Pulaski.

GRUNDY COUNTY

1858--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 51 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Altamont.

1882-1940 Papers, in "Trial Papers," 29 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Altamont.

1882--. Record, in "Minute Book," 2 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk and Master, Altamont.

HAMBLEN COUNTY

1870--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 1870-1934; in "Civil & State Trial Papers," 1934--, 22 cardboard boxes, 38 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Morristown.

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HAMBLEN COUNTY
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1870--. Record, in "Record," (Civil & Criminal), 1870-1893; in "Record of Civil Cases," 1894--, 13 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Morristown.

1870--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 116 f. b., 36 f. d., 400 bdl. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk and Master, Morristown.

1870--. Record, in "Record," 1870-1882; in "Minutes," 1883--, 19 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. Clerk and Master, Morristown.

HAMILTON COUNTY

1860--. Record, in "Civil Record," 70 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chattanooga.

1864--. Record, in "Record," 79 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Chattanooga.

1866--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 1262 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. Separate index. Clerk and Master, Chattanooga.

1875--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 1875-1891, 1899--; in "Divorce Docket," 1892-1898, 521 f. b., 26 bdl. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chattanooga.

HARDEMAN COUNTY

1824--. Record, in "Record Book," 1824-1845; in "Minute Book," 1834-1843, 1849-1890, 1873-1887; in "Minutes," 1869-1872, 1888--, 27 vols. Arr. chron. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bolivar.

1852--. Record, in "Minutes," in "Chamber Minutes," 1906--, 12 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Bolivar.

1858--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 65 bins, 58 f. b., 2 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Bolivar.

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HARDEMAN COUNTY
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1866--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 1866-1914; in "Civil & Criminal Trial Papers," 1915--, 52 f. b., 184 bdl. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bolivar.

HARDIN COUNTY

1836--. Record, in "Ledger," 1836-1856; in "Record," 1857-1868; in "Record Book," 1869--, 25 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Savannah.

1840--. Record, in "Record," 1840-1923; in "Minute Book," 1924--, 20 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Savannah.

1851--. Papers, in "Miscellaneous Papers," 4 boxes, 81 p. h., 750 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Savannah.

1859--. Papers, in "Miscellaneous Papers," 140 p. h. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk and Master, Savannah.

HAYWOOD COUNTY

1826--. Papers, in "Original Trial Papers," 76 f. b., 120 p. h. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Brownsville.

1834-1842
1847-1852
1859-1861
1866--. Record, in "Minutes," 35 vols. Arr. chron. 1834-1847, 1866-1867, 1875-1876, 1880--, indexed alph. direct and reverse; 1848-1861, 1868-1871, no index; 1872-1874, 1877-1879, separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Brownsville.

1842--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 2000 jackets, 95 f. b. 1842-1936, arr. num. by case no.; 1937--, arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Brownsville.

1842--. Record, in "Minute Book," 32 vols. Arr. chron. 1842-1923, separate index; 1924--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Brownsville.

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HENDERSON COUNTY

1880--. Record, in "Orders & Decrees," 1880-1893, 1908--, in "Order & Decree Book," 1894-1907, 17 vols. Arr. chron. 1880-1894, 1907--, indexed alph. by name of complainant; 1895-1908, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Lexington.

1893--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1893-1895; in "Minutes," 1900--; in "Civil Minutes," 1895-1900, 16 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lexington.

1895--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 47 f. b., 1 cardboard box. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lexington.

1895--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 99 f. b., 75 cartons. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Lexington.

HENRY COUNTY

1822--. Papers, in "Civil Cases," 1822-1938; in "State & Civil Cases," 1938--, 36 f. d., 4 f. b., 140 p. h. 1822-1938, arr. chron. by date of court; 1938--, arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Paris.

1834--. Record, in "Record Book," 1834-1866; in "Minute Book," 1867-1874; in "Minutes," 1875--, 31 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Paris.

1843--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 223 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. Separate index. Clerk and Master, Paris.

1846--. Record, in "Order Book," 18 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Paris.

HICKMAN COUNTY

1840--. Record, in "Record," 1840-1861; in "Minutes," 1862--, 17 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Centerville.

1852--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 64 f. d., 34 bdl., 18 p. h. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Centerville.

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HICKMAN COUNTY
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1854--. Record, in "Record," 1854-1860, 1871-1873; in "Record Book," 1860-1870, 1874-1888; in "Minute Book," 1889-1924; in "Chancery Minutes," 1925-1937; in "Minutes," June 1937--, 14 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Centerville.

1860--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Civil & Criminal), 1860-1899; in "Trial Papers," (Civil), 1900--, 7 f. b., 27 f. d., 2 cardboard boxes. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Centerville.

HOUSTON COUNTY

1871--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 11 cardboard boxes, 67 p. h. Arr. chron. by date of paper. No index. Clerk and Master, Erin.

1871--. Record, in "Minutes," 12 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Erin.

1871--. Records, in "Minute Book," 5 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Erin.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

1840--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Inactive), 1840--; in "Current Files," 1921--, 103 p. h., 2 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Waverly.

1898--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1898-1934; in "Minutes," 1935--, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Waverly.

1898--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Inactive Civil and Criminal), 1898--; in "Civil Cases," (Active), 1938--, 226 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Waverly.

1898--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil & Criminal), 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Waverly.

Divorce Records

JAMES COUNTY

1904-1919 Papers, in "Trial Papers," 44 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, Chattanooga.

1913-1919 Record, in "Minutes," 1 vol. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, Chattanooga.

1913-1919 Record, in "Minutes," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Chattanooga.

KNOX COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Cases," (Division I), 64 f. b., 400 bdl. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Knoxville.

1810--. Record, in "Minute Book," (Division I), 90 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Knoxville.

1832--. Record, in "Minute Book," 116 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk and Master, Knoxville.

1833--. Papers, in "Cases," (Trial Papers), 1453 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Knoxville.

1930--. Papers, in "Cases," (Division II), 43 boxes. Arr. num. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Knoxville.

1931--. Record, in "Minute Book," (Division II), 7 vols. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Knoxville.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

1836--. Papers, in "Miscellaneous Papers," 1836-1899; in "Civil Trial Papers," 1869-1899, 1928--; in "Divorce Cases," 1900-1927, 114 p. h., 3 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ripley.

1836--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1836-1891; in "Minutes," 1892--, 30 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ripley.

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 265 p. h., 29 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Ripley.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY
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1856--. Record, in "Minutes," 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date of recording. 1856-1886, 1910--, indexed alph. by name of complainant; 1887-1909, separate index. Clerk and Master, Ripley.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1826--. Papers, in "Original Bills," (Trial Papers), 218 f. d., 4 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lawrenceburg.

1826--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1826-1860, 1923-1929, 1934--, in "Record," 1860-1875; in "Record Book," 1876-1922, 1930-1933, 32 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lawrenceburg.

1840--. Papers, in "Enrollment Cases," (Trial Papers), 184 f. d., 17 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Lawrenceburg.

1840--. Record, in "Record Book," 1840-1848; in "Record," 1870-1875; in "Minutes," 1849-1869, 1876--, 21 vols. Arr. chron. 1840-1919, separate index; 1920--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Lawrenceburg.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1835--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 34 f. b., 288 boxes. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Fayetteville.

1838--. Record, in "Minutes," 38 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Fayetteville.

1849--. Record, in "Minutes," 34 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fayetteville.

1857--. Papers, in "Civil & State Cases," 525 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fayetteville.

LOUDON COUNTY

1870--. Papers, in "Civil Cases," (Trial Papers), 37 f. b., 22 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Loudon.

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LOUDON COUNTY
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1870--. Record, in "Record," 1870-1875; in "Minutes," 1876-1900, 1908--; in "Minute Book," 1901-1907, 13 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Loudon.

1870--. Papers, in "Court Files," (Trial Papers), 28 f. b. Arr. alph. No index. Clerk and Master, Loudon.

1870--. Record, in "Record Book," 10 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Loudon.

McMINN COUNTY

1844--. Record, in "Records;" also in "Chambers Decrees," 1929--, 21 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Athens.

1848--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 226 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Athens.

1852--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 26 f. b., 9 boxes. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Athens.

1852--. Record, in "Record Book," 1852-1904; in "Civil Minutes," 1905--, 19 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Athens.

McNAIRY COUNTY

1856--. Record, in "Record," 1865-1888; in "Minute Book," 1856-1864; in "Minutes," 1888--, 15 vols. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Selmer.

1860--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 72 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Selmer.

1866--. Record, in "Minute Docket," 1866-1876; in "Minute Book," 1877-1881, 1887-1888; in "Minutes," 1882-1886, 1889--, 14 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Selmer.

1867--. Papers, in "Original Trial Papers," 39 p. h., 1 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Selmer.

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MACON COUNTY

1844--. Record, in "Records," 1844-1860, 1872-1876; in "Record Book," 1861-1871; in "Minute Book," 1877-1891; in "Minutes," 1892--, 10 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Lafayette.

1900--. Papers, in "Original Records," (Trial Papers), 5 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Lafayette.

1901--. Papers, in "Original Trial Papers," (Civil); also in "Miscellaneous," (Civil & Criminal), 2 f. d., 25 p. h., 2 cardboard boxes. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lafayette.

1901--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1901-1933; in "Civil Minutes," 1934--, 6 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lafayette.

MADISON COUNTY

1822--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Civil & Criminal), 1822-1894; in "Civil Trial Papers," 1895--, 80 f. b., 336 bdl. No obvious arr. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jackson.

1843--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 499 f. b., 45 f. d. Inactive cases, arr. num. by case no.; active cases, arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Jackson.

1846--. Record, in "Minutes," 40 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Jackson.

MARION COUNTY

1853-1857
1922--. Record, in "Record," 1853-1857; in "Minutes," 1922-1925; in "Minute Book Civil Cases," 1925-1928, in "Civil & Criminal Minutes," 1929--, 8 vols. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jasper.

1922--. Original, in "Trial Papers," 82 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jasper.

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MARION COUNTY
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1922--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 12 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Jasper.

1922--. Record, in "Minutes," 3 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Jasper.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1837-1853
1865-1867
1921--. Record, in "Record Book," 1837-1853; in "Minute Book," 1865-1867; in "Civil & Criminal Minutes," 1921--, 10 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lewisburg.

1840--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 8 f. d., 5 cardboard boxes, 135 congress ties. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Lewisburg.

1840--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1870-1883; in "Minutes," 1840-1869, 1884--, 23 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1840-1868, separate index; 1869--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Lewisburg.

1927--. Papers, in "Civil Cases," 1927-1931; in "Divorce Cases," 1932--, 16 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lewisburg.

MAURY COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Circuit Court Trial Papers," 3091 f. b., 33 f. d., 11 rolls, 1 pkg. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia.

1810--. Record, in "Minute Book," (Civil & Criminal), 1810-1874; in "Civil Minutes," 1875--, 38 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Columbia.

1822--. Papers, in "Trial Cases Chancery Court," (Trial Papers), 11,256 jackets, 106 bdl., 90 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Columbia.

1823--. Record, in "Minute Book," 65 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Columbia.

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MEIGS COUNTY

1854--. Record, in "Record," (Minutes), 6 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Decatur.

1902--. Record, in "Minute Book," 3 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Decatur.

1903--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 5 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Decatur.

1903--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 24 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Decatur.

MONROE COUNTY

1827--. Record, in "Record," (Minutes), 1827-1929; in "Civil Record," 1930--, 28 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madisonville.

1832--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 28 f. d., 220 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Madisonville.

1832--. Record, in "Record," 1822-1848; in "Record Book," 1849-1856, 1871-1886; in "Records," 1856-1870, 1887-1890; in "Minutes," 1891--, 25 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Madisonville.

1841--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 9 boxes, 26 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madisonville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

1840--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 135 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Clarksville.

1840--. Record, in "Chancery Court Minute Book," 32 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Clarksville.

1885--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 135 f. b. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clarksville.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
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1896--. Record, in "Circuit Court Minute Book," 8 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clarksville.

OBION COUNTY

1824--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 246 f. b., 12 f. d. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union City.

1826--. Record, in "Minutes of Circuit Court," 37 vols. Arr. chron. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union City.

1832--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 300 f. b., 12 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Union City.

1834--. Record, in "Minutes of Chancery Court," 21 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Union City.

OVERTON COUNTY

1815--. Record, in "Record," 1815--, 24 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1815-1851, 1855-1867, no index; 1852-1854, 1868--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Livingston.

1842--. Papers, in "Trial Papers Circuit Court," 48 p. h., 7 cardboard boxes, 1 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Livingston.

1846--. Record, in "Order Book," 1846-1854, 1861-1884; in "Minutes," 1891-1906; in "Minute Book," 1885-1890, 1907--, 19 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Livingston.

1868--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 95 p. h., 17 f. d., 1 bdl. 1860-1925, 1935--, arr. chron. by term of court; 1926-1934, arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Livingston.

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PERRY COUNTY

1826-1855
1866-1870
1875--. Record, in "Record Book," 1826-1855, 1866-1870, 1875-1887; in "Minute Book," 1895-1911; in "Minutes," 1888-1894, 1912--, 18 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Linden.

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 72 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Linden.

1854--. Record, in "Records," 1854-1904; in "Minutes," 1905--, 12 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Linden.

1916--. Papers, in "Trial Papers;" also in "Divorce Cases," 1939--, 6 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Linden.

POLK COUNTY

1886--. Record, in "Record," 1886-1895; "Record Book," 1896--; also in "Chambers Minutes," 1922--, 9 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Benton.

1894--. Papers, in "Clerk and Masters Trial Papers," 55 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Benton.

1935--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," (Ducktown cases filed separately) 4 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Benton.

1936--. Record, in "Civil Minutes," Benton; also "Civil Minutes," Ducktown, 2 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Benton.

PUTNAM COUNTY

1842-1856
1866-1868
1899--. Record, in "Ledger," 1842-1856; in "Record," 1866-1868; in "Minutes," 1899-1907; in "Civil Minutes," 1908--, 7 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cookeville.

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PUTNAM COUNTY
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1883--. Record, in "Minutes," 21 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Cookeville.

1894--. Papers, in "Original Trial Papers," 122 p. h., 11 cardboard boxes. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cookeville.

1900--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 333 p. h. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Cookeville.

RHEA COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 80 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dayton.

1824--. Record, in "Minute Book," 28 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dayton.

1860--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 114 f. b., 100 bdl. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Dayton.

1864--. Record, in "Minute Book," 12 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Dayton.

ROANE COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 32 f. d., 24 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kingston.

1810--. Record, in "Minutes," 43 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kingston.

1824--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 222 f. b., 150 bdl., 24 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Kingston.

1824--. Record, in "Records," 1824-1898; in "Minutes Records," 1899-1906; in "Minutes," 1907--, 37 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Kingston.

Divorce Records

ROBERTSON COUNTY

1832--. Record, in "Records," 1832-1869; in "Minutes," 1870-1923, 1929-1931; in "Minute Book," 1924-1928; in "Civil Minutes," 1932--, 28 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Springfield.

1844--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 377 f. b., 20 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk and Master, Springfield.

1894--. Record, in "Records," 1844-1853; in "Record Book," 1849-1858; in "Order Book," 1855--, (Dates overlap) 24 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Springfield.

1906--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 85 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Springfield.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

1830--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 83 f. b., 121 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Murfreesboro.

1845--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil), 1845-1918; in "Minutes," (Civil & Criminal), 1919--, 28 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Murfreesboro.

1845--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 302 f. b. Arr. chron. Separate index. Clerk and Master, Murfreesboro.

1845--. Record, in "Minutes," 39 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Murfreesboro.

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY

1858-1917 1923--. Record, in "Record Book," 1858-1875; in "Records," 1876-1917; in "Minutes," 1923--, 6 vols. Arr. chron. 1858-1889, separate index; 1889--, no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dunlap.

1869--. Record, in "Record," 1869-1926; in "Minutes," 1927--, 5 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1869-1926; indexed alph. by name of complainant; 1927--, no index. Clerk and Master, Dunlap.

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SEQUATCHIE COUNTY
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1870--. Papers, in "Circuit Court Trial Papers," 24 f. d., 2 cardboard boxes. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dunlap.

1870--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 24 f. b., 5 cardboard boxes. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Dunlap.

SHELBY COUNTY

1828-1870 Record, in "Minutes Old Circuit Court Shelby County," 1828-1868; in "Minute Book," 1869-1870, 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1843-1895 Papers, in "Original Trial Papers," 1705 bdl. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1846--. Papers, in "Original Papers," 262 f. b., 8 f. d., 152 bins. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1846-1849 Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court of Shelby County," 1 vol. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1866-1870 Record, in "Minutes Law Court of Memphis," 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Clerk of Circuit Court, Memphis.

1866-1870 Record, in "New Minutes Chancery Court of Memphis," 12 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1870-1876 Record, in "Minutes 1st Circuit Court Shelby County," 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1870-1886 Record, in "Minutes Bartlett Circuit Court," Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1870-1875 Record, in "Minutes 2nd Circuit Court," 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

Divorce Records

SHELBY COUNTY
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1870-1875 Record, in "First Chancery Minutes of Shelby County," 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1875-1895 Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court Shelby County," 78 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1877-1893 Record, in "Minutes Circuit Court Shelby County," 21 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1885--. Papers, in "Trial Dockets;" also in "Reference Docket," 1909--, 196 cardboard boxes, 1059 f. b. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1888-1919 Record, in "Chancellors Order Book," 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1893-1905 Record, in "Minutes First Circuit Court Shelby County," 11 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1893-1905 Record, in "Minutes Second Circuit Court Shelby County," 15 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1895-1899 Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court Shelby County Part 1," 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1895-1899 Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court Shelby County Part 2," 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1899-1909 Record, in "Minutes Chancery Court Shelby County," 25 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1905--. Record, in "Division I Circuit Court Minutes Shelby County," 24 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1905--. Record, in "Minute Book Division 2 Circuit Court Shelby County," 24 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

Divorce Records

SHELBY COUNTY
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1905--. Record, in "Minute Book Division 3 Circuit Court Shelby County," 23 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1905--. Record, in "Minute Book Division 4 Circuit Court Shelby County," 32 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Memphis.

1909--. Record, in "Minute Book Part I Chancery Court Shelby County," 39 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

1909--. Record, in "Minute Book Part 2 Chancery Court," 41 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Memphis.

SMITH COUNTY

1812--. Record, in "Minutes," 1812-1923; in "Civil Minutes," 1924--, 30 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Carthage.

1816--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 60 boxes, 55 bdl., 77 p. h. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Carthage.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

1852--. Record, in "Record," (Minutes), 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Blountville.

1865--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 175 f. b., 9 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Blountville.

1865--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil Cases), 1865, 1870--; in "State and Civil Minutes," 1866-1869, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Blountville.

Divorce Records

SULLIVAN COUNTY
(Continued)

1878--. Record, in "Minutes," 17 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Bristol.

1879--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 24 f. d., 50 p. h., 6 large boxes. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bristol.

1879--. Record, in "Minute Book," 11 vols. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bristol.

1879--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 180 f. d., 28 bins. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Bristol.

1917--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 18 bdl., 1 p. h. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Blountville.

1919--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil Cases), 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kingsport.

1919--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 23 f. d., 96 p. h. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kingsport.

1919--. Record, in "Minutes," 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Clerk and Master, Kingsport.

1919--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 46 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Kingsport.

SUMNER COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 517 bdl., 37 p. h., 400 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gallatin.

1810--. Record, in "Minutes," 1810-1879, 1893--; in "Minute Book," 1880-1892, 70 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gallatin.

Divorce Records

SUMNER COUNTY
(Continued)

1833--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 170 p. h., 19 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Gallatin.

1840--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1840-1883, 1892-1937; in "Minutes," 1883-1891, 1937--, 29 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Gallatin.

TIPTON COUNTY

1821-1861
1866--. Record, in "Records," 1821-1861, 1866-1871; in "Minute Book," 1872--, 45 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Covington.

1854--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 2 f. d., 50 bdl. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Covington.

1854--. Record, in "Minute Book," 18 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Covington.

1855--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 28 p. h., 148 f. b., 1000 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Covington.

TROUSDALE COUNTY

1903--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 26 f. d., 18 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Hartsville.

1906--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1906-1932; in "Minutes," 1933--, 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hartsville.

1930--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 32 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hartsville.

Divorce Records

UNICOI COUNTY

1876--. Papers, in "Civil Trial Papers," 16 f. d., 4 transfer files, 1 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Erwin.

1876--. Record, in "Civil Minutes," 1876-1918; in "Minute Book," 1919--, 8 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Erwin.

VAN BUREN COUNTY

1840--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 85 p. h., 2 f. d. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Spencer.

1840--. Record, in "Records," 1850-1859; in "Minutes," 1860-1872; in "Minute Book," 1840-1849, 1873--, 8 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Spencer.

1868--. Record, in "Minute Book," 5 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Spencer.

WARREN COUNTY

1842--. Record, in "Minute Book," 1842-1860, 1874-1878, 1881-1895; in "Record," 1871-1873; in "Minutes," 1878-1880, 1896--, 25 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, McMinnville.

1847--. Record, in "Record," 1847-1921; in "Minute Book," 1922--, 21 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, McMinnville.

1853--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 272 p. h., 3 cardboard boxes. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, McMinnville.

1855--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 150 p. h. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, McMinnville.

Divorce Records

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1810--. Record, in "Circuit Court Minutes," 1810-1871; in "Civil Minute Book," 1872--, 25 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jonesboro.

1834--. Papers, in "Chancery Court Papers," 1465 bdl., 60 f. d. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk and Master, Jonesboro.

1836--. Record, in "Minutes," 22 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Jonesboro.

1891--. Papers, in "Trial Papers;" also in "Divorce Papers," 1939--, 2380 congress ties, 36 f. d. Arr. num. by case no. Separate index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Johnson City.

1891--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 2362 congress ties, 89 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Johnson City.

1891--. Record, in "Minute Book," 22 vols. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk and Master, Johnson City.

1891--. Record, in "Minutes," 1891-1926; in "Minute Book," 1927--, 16 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Johnson City.

1937--. Record, in "Divorce Docket," (Bar), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Johnson City.

1937--. Record, in "Divorce Docket," (Clerk), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Johnson City.

1937--. Record, in "Divorce Docket," (Judge), 1 vol. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Johnson City.

WEAKLEY COUNTY

1826--. Record, in "Order Book," 1826-1911; in "Minutes," 1912--, 31 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1826-1843, no index; 1844--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Dresden.

Divorce Records

WEAKLEY COUNTY
(Continued)

1827--. Record, in "Record," 1827-1869; in "Minutes," 1870--, 29 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1827-1872, no index; 1873--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dresden.

1839--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 221 p. h., 3 boxes, 4 f. d. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Dresden.

1880--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 125 f. b., 66 p. h. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dresden.

WHITE COUNTY

1838--. Papers, in "Civil Cases," (Trial Papers), 279 bdl. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sparta.

1842--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 5 f. d., 185 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Sparta.

1842--. Record, in "Minutes," 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Sparta.

1859--. Record, in "Minutes," 17 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sparta.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 900 bdl., 81 congress ties, 3 f. b. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Franklin.

1810--. Record, in "Minute Book," (Civil & Criminal), 1810-1870; in "Minutes," (Civil), 1871-1894, 1912--; in "Minute Book," (Civil), 1895-1911, 26 vols. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Franklin.

1825--. Papers, in "Trial Papers," 1039 bdl., 52 f. d., 56 cardboard boxes. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Clerk and Master, Franklin.

Divorce Records

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
(Continued)

1825--. Record, in "Minute Book," 41 vols. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Franklin.

WILSON COUNTY

1810--. Papers, in "Original Court Papers," 277 f. b. Arr. chron. No index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lebanon.

1810--. Record, in "Minutes," (Civil & Criminal), 1810-1934; in "Civil Minutes," 1935--, 53 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lebanon.

1836--. Papers, in "Original Papers," 94 f. b. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. Separate index. Clerk and Master, Lebanon.

1836--. Record, in "Minute Book," 31 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Clerk and Master, Lebanon.

APPENDICES

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE WITH YEARS OF CREATION (1)

Anderson (Clinton)	1801	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817
Benton (Camden)	1835	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843(4)
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809
Blount (Maryville)	1795	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Bradley (Cleveland)	1836	McMinn (Athens)	1819
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	McNairy (Selmer)	1823
Cannon (Woodbury)	1836	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Carter (Elizabethton)	1796	Marion (Jasper)	1817
Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856	Marshall (Lewisburg)	1836
Chester (Henderson)	1879(2)	Maury (Columbia)	1807
Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Meigs (Decatur)	1836
Clay (Celina)	1870	Monroe (Madisonville)	1819
Cocke (Newport)	1797	Montgomery (Clarksville)	1796
Coffee (Manchester)	1836	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
Crockett (Alamo)	1871(3)	Morgan (Wartburg)	1817
Cumberland (Crossville)	1856	Obion (Union City)	1823
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Overton (Livingston)	1806
Decatur (Decaturville)	1845	Perry (Linden)	1819
DeKalb (Smithville)	1837	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879(5)
Dickson (Charlotte)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823	Putnam (Cookeville)	1854(6)
Fayette (Somerville)	1824	Rhea (Dayton)	1807
Fentress (Jamestown)	1823	Roane (Kingston)	1801
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Robertson (Springfield)	1796
Gibson (Trenton)	1823	Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Grainger (Rutledge)	1796	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Greene (Greeneville)	1783	Sevier (Sevierville)	1794
Grundy (Altamont)	1844	Shelby (Memphis)	1819
Hamblen (Morristown)	1870	Smith (Carthage)	1799
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Stewart (Dover)	1803
Hancock (Sneedville)	1844	Sullivan (Blountville)	1779
Hardeman (Bolivar)	1823	Sumner (Gallatin)	1786
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Tipton (Covington)	1823
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Haywood (Brownsville)	1823	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Henderson (Lexington)	1821	Union (Maynardsville)	1851(7)
Henry (Paris)	1821	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Warren (McMinnville)	1807
Houston (Erin)	1871	Washington (Jonesboro)	1777
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817(8)
Jackson (Gainesboro)	1801	Weakley (Dresden)	1823
Jefferson (Dandridge)	1792	White (Sparta)	1806
Johnson (Mountain City)	1836	Williamson (Franklin)	1799
Knox (Knoxville)	1792	Wilson (Lebanon)	1799
Lake (Tiptonville)	1870		

(1) Most counties organized within a few months after creation.
(2) Not organized until 1882.
(3) First organized in 1846, but the enabling act was invalidated the same year.
(4) Abolished and recreated in 1869.
(5) Probably not organized until 1881 or 1882.
(6) An enabling act of 1842 was invalidated in 1845 and the county dissolved.
(7) Apparently the act of 1850 failed to go into effect until amended in 1851.
(8) Recreated in 1819, although a defective act of 1817 was placed in operation.

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE

Chronologically by years of creation

Washington (Jonesboro)	1777	Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821
Sullivan (Blountville)	1779	Henderson (Lexington)	1821
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Henry (Paris)	1821
Greene (Greeneville)	1783	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823
Sumner (Gallatin)	1786	Fentress (Jamestown)	1823
Jefferson (Dandridge)	1792	Gibson (Trenton)	1823
Knox (Knoxville)	1792	Hardeman (Bolivar)	1823
Sevier (Sevierville)	1794	Haywood (Brownsville)	1823
Blount (Maryville)	1795	McNairy (Selmer)	1823
Carter (Elizabethton)	1796	Obion (Union City)	1823
Grainger (Rutledge)	1796	Tipton (Covington)	1823
Montgomery (Clarksville)	1796	Weakley (Dresden)	1823
Robertson (Springfield)	1796	Fayette (Somerville)	1824
Cocke (Newport)	1797	Benton (Camden)	1835
Smith (Carthage)	1799	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Williamson (Franklin)	1799	Bradley (Cleveland)	1836
Wilson (Lebanon)	1799	Cannon (Woodbury)	1836
Anderson (Clinton)	1801	Coffee (Manchester)	1836
Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Johnson (Mountain City)	1836
Jackson (Gainesboro)	1801	Marshall (Lewisburg)	1836
Roane (Kingston)	1801	Meigs (Decatur)	1836
Dickson (Charlotte)	1803	DeKalb (Smithville)	1837
Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Stewart (Dover)	1803	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Overton (Livingston)	1806	Putnam (Cookeville)	1842,1854*
White (Sparta)	1806	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843,1869*
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Grundy (Altamont)	1844
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Hancock (Sneedville)	1844
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Decatur (Decaturville)	1845
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Maury (Columbia)	1807	Union (Maynardsville)	1850
Rhea (Dayton)	1807	Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856
Warren (McMinnville)	1807	Cumberland (Crossville)	1856
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Clay (Celina)	1870
Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809	Hamblen (Morristown)	1870
Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817	Lake (Tiptonville)	1870
Marion (Jasper)	1817	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Morgan (Wartburg)	1817	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817,1819*	Crockett (Alamo)	1871,1845*
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Houston (Erin)	1871
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
McMinn (Athens)	1819	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Monroe (Madisonville)	1819	Chester (Henderson)	1879,1882*
Perry (Linden)	1819	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879,1882*
Shelby (Memphis)	1819		

*See footnotes on preceding page for explanations.

REGULATIONS OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GOVERNING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND STILL-BIRTHS, AND DATA INCIDENTAL THERETO, MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 23, PUBLIC ACTS OF 1941

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Regulation #1

For the purpose of these regulations, in addition to those defined in Section 2, Chapter 23, Public Acts of 1941, the following terms used herein are defined as follows:

I. "Health officer" means the executive officer of a city, county, or district board of health or health department, legally authorized to act for the legally designated local health authority.

II. "Local registrar" means any person duly appointed by the Commissioner for the purpose of carrying out rules and regulations of the department pertaining to the administration of the Vital Statistics Act within a designated registration district.

III. "Deputy registrar" means any person appointed by a local registrar and approved or appointed by the Commissioner, to serve as assistant to a local registrar, or in the capacity of local registrar, in the temporary absence or disability of the local registrar.

IV. "Act" means the Vital Statistics Act of 1941.

REGISTRATION DISTRICTS

Regulation #2

The State shall be divided into registration districts as follows: Each incorporated city or town and each civil district shall constitute a primary registration district. The department may from time to time, as conditions justify, change the boundaries of registration districts. One or more primary registration districts, served by one local registrar, shall constitute a registration district.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL REGISTRAR

Regulation #3

Every person appointed as a local or deputy registrar shall meet the following qualifications:

I. He shall be able to read understandingly and write legibly.

II. He shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and physically able to perform duties of office.

III. He shall reside in the registration district served and be readily accessible at all times.

IV. No physician, undertaker, or a member of the family or employee of either, shall serve as a local or deputy registrar.

V. Personnel of full-time local health departments may be appointed.

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES

Regulation #4

I. Copies Without Fee

No certified copy of a birth, death, or stillbirth certificate shall be issued without charge of the statutory fee, except upon official written request of one of the following organizations setting forth that the certificate is officially required and no funds are available for the required fee. Only one certified copy will be issued without charge to any one agency for any given certificate.

Requests will be taken only from the following organizations:

A. United States Veteran's Administration.
B. American Red Cross for dependent veterans.
C. Selective Service Boards.
D. Confederate Pension Boards.
E. Ex-service Men's Bureau.
F. United States and Foreign Consular Officers.
G. Armed forces of the United States.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all requests of the above listed agencies when it is apparent that the requests are not in keeping with the purpose of these regulations.

II. Copies With Fee

Local registrars shall not issue certified or other copies of certificates except where the original record was filed with the local registrar, prior to January 1, 1914.

INSPECTION OF RECORDS

Regulation #5

No applicant shall be allowed to inspect any record or records, or receive a certified copy thereof, which are on file with the State

Registrar until he has satisfied the State Registrar that he has a legal or other vital interest in the matter recorded, or presents an order of a Court of Record in the State of Tennessee to permit the inspection or receive a certified copy, such order having been issued after hearing the applicant and the State Registrar; provided, however, that the State Registrar shall permit the inspection of any record in his custody upon receipt of a written authorization from the Commissioner.

DISCLOSURE OF DATA ON VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS

Regulation #6

No local registrar shall permit any person other than State or full-time local health department personnel to inspect either the original records filed with him, as required by the Act and the regulations of the Department, or a copy or parts of a copy thereof.

The local registrar may, however, prepare lists of births (except of illegitimate children) and of deaths for local publication, as follows: (1) Birth lists shall include only the names of the parents of the child, sex of the child, and child's name, if named, viz., John and Mary Public, a son, John Jr.; (2) Death lists shall contain only the name of the deceased, viz., John Thomas Jones. Addresses must not be given for birth or death lists.

Any disclosure of facts and data on vital statistics records, except as stated above or as determined or approved by the Commissioner, shall be, and hereby is, prohibited.

REGISTRARS VIOLATING THIS SECTION WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS

Regulation #7

The State Registrar shall prepare and file a new certificate of birth for a legitimated or adopted child, regardless of the date of birth, provided satisfactory legal evidence is submitted meeting the requirements of the Act, as follows:

I. General Considerations

A. If a birth certificate is already on file, the original certificate will be removed, and placed under seal under the new name with all papers pertaining thereto.

1. A notation will be placed in the original volume in place of the original certificate, showing the file number of the certificate, the date removed, and "Chapter 23, Public Acts of 1941."

2. The index volume will not be changed in regard to the name shown on the original certificate.

3. If no certificate is on file, a delayed certificate giving original facts of birth (name, etc., before adoption or legitimation) shall be prepared according to regulations, and indexed, but will not be filed, except with the other papers in regard to the adoption or legitimation.

B. The newly prepared certificate on current birth certificate form will be filed with delayed certificates, and numbered as a delayed certificate, and indexed under the new name in the year of birth.

C. The original certificate, all adoption, legitimation, marriage certificates and other papers pertaining to the case will be sealed in an envelope and filed in the office of the Division of Vital Statistics. Such sealed documents may be opened by the State Registrar only upon written order from the Commissioner after receipt of a written demand of the adopted person, if of legal age, of his adopting parent or parents, or by order of a Court of Record in the State of Tennessee.

II. Legitimated Children

A. A new certificate will be prepared when:

1. A certified copy of a court order of legitimation is received, or,

2. A certified copy of the marriage certificate of parents who were not married at the time of birth of the child, and:

a. An affidavit of the husband declaring that he is the father of the child and giving the father's full name, age, color, birthplace, and occupation as of the time of the birth, if the name of the putative father is not shown on the original certificate.

b. In instances where a fictitious name was given for the putative father, and it is claimed that the actual parents have subsequently married, such cases of legitimation must be decided by court action.

III. Adopted Children

A. A new certificate will be prepared upon receipt of a certified copy of the adoption papers and the following data relative to the adopting parents:

1. Name and legal residence at the time of adoption.

2. Color or race.

3. Date of birth.

4. Occupation at time of adoption.

5. Birthplace.

B. The new certificate shall include the new name of the child and data pertaining to the adopting parents as of the time of adoption. It shall be signed by the Commissioner, or his agent, the State Registrar, as attendant, and the file date shall be the date of filing of this certificate. (A notation of "Chapter 23, Public Acts of 1941, file No.____" shall be made on the back of the new certificate.)

C. If the original birth certificate has been filed showing fictitious data for the mother, and the child is subsequently released to a home-finding agency by the real mother in her actual name, the original certificate may be identified by:

1. Sworn and witnessed statement of the mother, or

2. Sufficient data, obtained by an authorized investigator.

REGISTRATION OF PRACTITIONERS AND UNDERTAKERS

Regulation #8

Every person authorized, or who shall hereafter be authorized, by the laws of the State of Tennessee to practice a healing art and every funeral director, mortician, or undertaker, or person who shall hereafter engage in business as a funeral director, mortician, or undertaker, shall register immediately with the Tennessee Department of Public Health on a suitable form furnished by the State Registrar. The State Registrar shall furnish to each local registrar a copy of the list of all persons registered. The local registrar shall then check this list for accuracy for registration of all persons, firms or coporations residing in his registration district. The local registrar shall immediately notify the State Registrar of any corrections to be made and shall submit with each monthly report any changes occurring in his registration district.

RECORDS OF INMATES OF INSTITUTIONS

Regulation #9

Each superintendent, manager, or other person in charge of a hospital, almshouse, lying-in or other institution, public or private, including penal institutions, to which persons resort for treatment of disease, injury or childbirth, or are committed by process of law, shall secure upon admission and permanently record such statistical particulars relative to the inmates of his institution as are necessary to prepare a complete and satisfactory certificate of birth, death, or stillbirth, as indicated.

He shall on the first day of each month file a report of all births, deaths, and stillbirths which have occurred in the institution during the preceding month with the local registrar, of the district in which the institution is located, on a form furnished by the State Registrar.

SUPPLIES AND FORMS

Regulation #10

The State Registrar shall prepare, print, and supply all local registrars with forms and instructions to be used in registering, recording, and preserving data of vital statistics and in otherwise carrying out the provisions of the Act.

No other forms shall be used except those supplied by the State Registrar.

All forms, records, and reports are the property of the Department and shall be surrendered to the State Registrar, or his accredited representative, on demand.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Regulation #11

The State Registrar shall inform all local registrars and their deputies which diseases are to be considered as infectious, contagious, or communicable and dangerous to the public health.

Local registrars and their deputies shall immediately notify the local health officer upon receipt of a certificate on which the cause of death is given as one of the following:

I. Diphtheria

II. Encephalitis, types A and B, and equine

III. Meningitis Meningococcus

IV. Leprosy

V. Paratyphoid Fever

VI. Poliomyelitis

VII. Scarlet Fever

VIII. Smallpox

IX. Typhoid Fever

PREPARATION OF BIRTH, DEATH, AND STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATES

Regulation #12

All certificates provided for in the Act shall be written legibly in unfading ink or be typewritten, and all signatures required on the various certificates shall be in unfading ink.

I. No certificate shall be considered complete and correct and accepted for filing:

A. That does not supply all of the items of information called for thereon, or satisfactorily accounts for their ommission.

B. That contains alterations or erasures.

C. That does not contain genuine signatures.

D. That is marked "copy" or "duplicate."

E. That is a carbon copy.

F. That is prepared on an improper form.

G. That contains obviously improper or inconsistent data.

DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF LOCAL AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Regulation #13

I. It shall be the duty of each local registrar or his deputy or deputies to supply blank forms needed in carrying out the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Department, to such persons as may require them. He shall carefully examine each certificate of birth, death, and stillbirth filed with him to see that it has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the regulations of the Department, and the instructions of the State Registrar. If any such certificate is incomplete or unsatisfactory, it shall be his duty to call the attention of the person responsible for the certificate to such defects and secure a correct certificate.

II. It shall be the duty of each local registrar, or his deputy, to issue a burial-transit permit when required, on a form furnished by the State Registrar to the undertaker, or person acting as such, or person in charge of interment upon receipt of a complete and correct certificate of death or stillbirth.

III. Each local registrar shall carefully examine all certificates received from his deputy or deputies. If any such certificates are incomplete or unsatisfactory, he shall require such further information to be furnished by his deputy or deputies as may be necessary to make the certificate complete and satisfactory.

IV. Each local registrar shall number consecutively in three separate series the certificates of birth, death, and stillbirth filed with him, beginning with number 1 for the first certificate of each series in each calendar year; provided, however, that such numbering will not be required in cases where a member of the local full-time health department serves as the local registrar.

V. Each local registrar shall make a record, on a form supplied by the State Registrar, of all certificates received to be permanently preserved in his office as a record of the filing of such certificate. Only data required on the form furnished shall be kept by the local registrar.

VI. Each local registrar or his deputy shall note over his signature the date each certificate of birth, death, and stillbirth was filed with him.

VII. Each deputy registrar appointed in accordance with Section 8 of the Act shall be responsible to the local registrar who appointed him and shall on the first (1st) day of each month forward to his local registrar:

1. Original certificates of birth, death, and stillbirth;

2. Disinterment applications;

3. Lists of births, deaths and stillbirths filed by institutions;

4. Lists of casket sales;

5. Notices of changes of persons registered under Regulation #8, which have been received by him during the preceding month. Provided, however, that when a local registrar or deputy registrar serves as a deputy of a local registrar of another county, all death and stillbirth certificates shall be forwarded immediately upon receipt to the local registrar of the district in which the death or stillbirth occurred.

VIII. The local registrar shall transmit to the local health department so that they will be received in that office on or before the third (3rd) day of each month:

1. All original certificates;

2. Disinterment applications;

3. Lists of births, deaths, and stillbirths filed by institutions (Regulation #9);

4. Lists of casket sales (Regulation #23);

5. Notices of changes in persons or firms registered (Regulation #8).

In counties where there is no local full-time health department, the original certificates, lists, and notices shall be transmitted directly to the

State Registrar so that they will be received on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month.

All certificates transmitted by local registrars shall be accompanied by a properly prepared summary report card furnished by the State Registrar.

ADDITION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DATA TO CERTIFICATE

Regulation #14

I. Addition of supplemental data (data omitted from the original certificate) to certificates less than six (6) months after date of the birth, death, or stillbirth. Certificates to which supplemental data are added within this period shall not be considered as "delayed" or "altered."

A. Birth Certificates

1. When a certificate of birth has been filed without the given name of the child, the State Registrar shall make out and deliver to the parents, or legal guardian of the child a special form for the supplemental report of the given name to be returned to the State Registrar as soon as the child has been named, but not later than six (6) months after date of birth.

2. Addition of other supplemental data may be made upon receipt of such data over the signature of either the attendant, a parent or legal guardian of the child, the local registrar or his deputy of the district in which the birth occurred, or a member of the local health department staff.

B. Death Certificates

1. Data supplementing the medical certification may be made only upon receipt of such data over the signature of the physician last in attendance, the local health officer, or the coroner, as indicated.

2. Addition of other suplemental data may be made upon receipt of such data over the signature of either the undertaker, the informant, the nearest adult relative, the local registrar or his deputy of the district in which the death occurred, or a member of the local health department staff.

C. Stillbirth Certificates

1. Addition of supplemental data may be made under the same conditions, where applicable, as outlined for birth and death certificates.

ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATES

Regulation #15

"Alteration" of a certificate is defined as the changing of data given on a certificate and the addition of data six (6) months or more after the birth, death, or stillbirth occurred.

All affidavits submitted must be on forms furnished by the State Registrar.

I. Alteration of certificates less than six (6) months after the date of birth, death or stillbirth.

A. Birth Certificates

1. Any item may be altered by affidavit of the attendant at birth or the parents upon presentation of a properly executed affidavit showing the incorrect statement which appears on the face of the birth certificate and a statement of the facts as they should appear.

B. Death Certificates

1. The cause of death may be altered by affidavit of the attending physician, local health officer, or coroner, as indicated, by submission of a properly prepared affidavit setting forth the cause or causes of death as they appear on the original certificate and the cause or causes of death as they should appear and a statement of the facts which lead to a new diagnosis.

2. Age of deceased to be changed only on court order. Original certified copy, if any, must be returned before new copy issued.

3. Any item or items not covered by 1 and 2, may be altered by properly prepared affidavit of the informant or nearest adult relative of the deceased.

C. Stillbirth Certificates

1. Any item may be altered under the same conditions, where applicable, as outlined for birth and death certificates.

II. Alteration of certificates six (6) months or more after the date of birth, death, or stillbirth:

A. Birth Certificates

1. Those filed less than six (6) months after date of birth:

a. Change of date of birth, surname of father, mother, or child and sex will only be made upon presentation

of an order of a Court of Record of the State of Tennessee setting forth the evidence presented to substantiate said order.

b. Alteration of items not covered in "a," "c," and "d" may be made upon presentation of documentary evidence prescribed by the State Registrar upon receipt of an application for alteration.

c. The given name of the child may be added upon presentation of documentary evidence prescribed by the State Registrar.

d. Addition of the date of birth, place of birth, and names of parents may be made in the same manner as prescribed for filing of delayed birth certificates. Regulation #17.

2. Those filed six (6) months or more after the date of birth:

a. Changes may be made only upon presentation of an order of a Court of Record of the State of Tennessee, setting forth the evidence presented to substantiate said order.

B. Death Certificates

1. Those filed less than six (6) months after the date of death:

a. Change or addition of the cause of death, the date of death, date of birth, surname of father, mother, or deceased, and sex will only be made upon presentation of an order of a Court of Record of the State of Tennessee, setting forth the evidence presented to substantiate said order.

b. Change or addition of other items may be made upon presentation of documentary evidence prescribed by the State Registrar upon receipt of an application for alteration.

2. Those filed six (6) months or more after the date of death:

a. Change or addition of data may only be made upon presentation of an order of a Court of Record of the State of Tennessee, setting forth the evidence presented to substantiate said order.

C. Stillbirth Certificates

1. Change or addition of data may be made under the same conditions, where applicable, as outlined for birth and death certificates.

FILING OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOLLOWING DEATH OF ATTENDANT

Regulation #16

In the event the attendant at birth dies without filing a certificate of birth, a certificate may be filed before twelve (12) months after the birth of the child by one of the following methods, listed in order of preference: The attendant's name shall appear in the appropriate space, followed by the word "deceased." The certificate shall then be countersigned by:

I. The assistant to the attendant at the birth of the child and preceded by the words "assisted by."

II. A parent of the child, followed by "father" or "mother," as the case may be.

III. The widow of the attendant, stating that the office records of the attendant substantiate the facts set forth in the certificate of birth.

DELAYED REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

Regulation #17

I. General Instructions

A. Tennessee Department of Public Health forms must be used.

1. The form to be used for registering the birth of a child six (6) months or more, but less than twelve (12) months of age, shall be the certificate used to register current births.

2. The form to be used for registering the birth of an individual who is twelve (12) months or more of age shall be the Delayed Certificate of Birth.

B. ONLY PERSONS BORN IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE MAY REGISTER THEIR BIRTHS WITH THE DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

C. No certificate will be accepted which shows the married name of the female applicant in item "Name at birth" of the certificate.

D. All items must be complete except in cases of illegitimate children. In such cases, the name of the father must be omitted.

E. All delayed certificates of birth must be established by documentary evidence. All documents supporting facts of the birth must be presented to either the Circuit Court Judge, District Attorney-General, or Clerk and Master for inspection, evaluation, listing, and certification on the face of the certificate, if considered valid, by the examining official.

II. Classification of Evidence

Documentary evidence shall be considered in two classes, as follows:

Class A: Records which were executed prior to the fourth birthday of the person to be registered, or a suitable certified copy thereof, except that a copy of the record from the Bureau of the Census made the first census after birth shall be considered as Class A evidence of corresponding facts on the proposed certificate of birth.

Class B: All other acceptable records made on or after the fourth birthday of the person to be registered shall be considered as Class B records.

III. Requirements

The following evidence will be required to prove date of birth, place of birth, and parentage in order to file a certificate of birth on or after the first birthday.

A. Two (2) Class A, or three (3) Class B records.

IV. Documentary Evidence

All original documentary records, except affidavits, and records of which certified copies are presented for persons twelve (12) years or more of age, must have been made five (5) or more years before being submitted as evidence. All documents submitted, except affidavits, must include the fact or facts for which they are submitted as evidence. The following types and other may be submitted as evidence:

A. Affidavits

1. No affidavits will be accepted other than those on the reverse side of the delayed certificate form.

2. Persons making affidavits must have been at least ten (10) years of age at the time the birth occurred and have had knowledge of the facts at that time.

3. The affidavit of the attendant at birth may be placed on the reverse side of the certificate. A statement should be made that the attendant knows these facts to be true because he or she was the attendant at the birth of the person whose birth is to be registered.

4. One (1) or more affidavits will be considered as <u>one</u> Class B piece of evidence for proof only of <u>place of birth</u> and <u>parentage</u>.

B. Baptismal or other church records - Class A or B

1. To be acceptable such records must be:

a. An original certificate or church record made at the time of baptism;
b. A copy thereof executed under church seal by the minister, or if there is no minister, by the custodian of the church records;
c. A signed statement bearing the signature of the minister, or if there is no minister, by the custodian of the church records, such signature being duly identified and witnessed by a notary public or by an official of a Court of Record.

C. Insurance Policies - Class A or B

1. An insurance policy issued before the fourth (4th) birthday will be accepted as Class A evidence. If issued on or after the fourth birthday, it will be accepted as Class B evidence.

2. Not more than one policy may be accepted as evidence, except, however, no policy canceled because of any misstatement of fact will be accepted.

3. The policy need not be in force at the time of submission as evidence.

D. Physician's Office Record - Class A

1. Physician's office record of birth made at the time of the birth may be used, provided such record gives sex, date of birth, and name of at least one parent.

E. Hospital, Nursing, Clinic, or Health Department Records - Class A or B

1. These records, or certified copies thereof, may be used as Class A evidence, if made before the fourth birthday, or as Class B records if made on or after the fourth birthday.

F. Census Records - Class A or B

1. A federal census record shall be accepted as Class A evidence in accordance with Regulation #17, Section II, definition Class A.

G. Family Bible Records - Class A or B

1. Such records are acceptable as Class B evidence unless it can be proved beyond doubt that the record was made before the child's fourth birthday.

H. Military Service Records - Class B only

1. Military service records may be accepted as Class B evidence provided they specifically include the fact or facts for which they are submitted as evidence.

I. Birth Certificates - Class B only

1. Certified copies of birth certificates of sons or daughters.

J. Fraternal Records - Class B only

1. Lodge or fraternal records may be used when a copy is submitted under seal of the official custodian of the records.

THE OLDER THE RECORD - THE MORE VALUABLE IT IS AS EVIDENCE.

V. Records Not Acceptable

The following records will not be accepted as evidence:

A. Social Security records;

B. Drivers licenses;

C. Affidavits other than those on the reverse of the certificate

D. Documents which show alterations or erasures.

CERTIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH BY CORONER

Regulation #18

Any coroner whose duty it is to hold an inquest or investigation on the body of any deceased person, and to make the certification of the cause of death required, shall state in his certification the nature of the disease or the manner of death, and if from external causes or violence, whether (probably) accidental, suicidal or homicidal, as determined by the inquest or investigation, and shall in either case furnish such information as may be required by the State Registrar to properly classify the death.

CORONERS TO INVESTIGATE CASES OF PERSONS FOUND DEAD

Regulation #19

Whoever finds a dead body in a public place or under suspicious circumstances, shall immediately report such findings to the proper police

authorities, who shall notify the coroner of the district where the dead body is found. The coroner shall then, after inquest or investigation, make out and sign the medical certification of the death or stillbirth certificate, as the case may be, giving the cause of death as that determined by his inquest or investigation.

BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT

Regulation #20

A burial-transit permit shall be required only under the following circumstances:

I. For the disposal of a dead body or disinterred remains by cremation.

II. For transportation by common carrier of a dead body or disinterred remains, or, after cremation, the ashes thereof of either.

III. For removal from the State of a dead body or disinterred remains, or, after cremation, the ashes thereof of either.

CREMATION

Regulation #21

No person in charge of any premises in which cremation of dead bodies is done shall cremate or permit the cremation of any body unless it is accompanied by a burial, removal, or transit permit issued in accordance with the law and regulations in force at the place where the death, stillbirth, or disinterment occurred. Each person in charge of any crematory shall endorse upon the burial, removal, or transit permit the date of cremation, the name and location by county and civil district of the crematory over his signature and shall file all permits so endorsed with the local registrar of the district in which the crematory is located within 72 hours from the time of cremation, but in every instance prior to the transportation by common carrier or removal from the State of the ashes.

The local registrar shall issue a burial-transit permit for the transportation by common carrier or removal from the State of the ashes of a cremated body upon receipt of a properly completed burial, removal, or transit permit issued in accordance with the laws and regulations in force at the place of death, stillbirth, or disinterment.

The person in charge of any premises in which cremation of dead bodies is done, shall keep a record of all cremations made in the premises under his charge, stating the name of the deceased person or stillborn child, date and place of death, stillbirth, or disinterment, date of cremation, and the name and address of the undertaker, or person

acting as such who delivered the body to the crematory. This record shall be open to inspection by the State Registrar or his accredited representative at all times.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SEXTONS

Regulation #22

The sexton, or person in charge of any premises in which interments are made, shall not inter nor permit the interment or other disposition of any body, which has been transported by common carrier or which died outside of this State, unless it is accompanied by a burial, removal or transit permit issued in accordance with the law and regulations in force at the place where the death or stillbirth occurred. Each sexton or person in charge of any burial ground, shall endorse upon the burial, removal, or transit permit the date of interment, name of the cemetery, location of cemetery by county and civil district, over his signature and shall return all permits so endorsed to the local registrar of the district in which the cemetery is located within ten (10) days from the date of interment. In case there is no sexton, the undertaker shall so endorse the permit and write "no sexton in charge" across the face and file in the same manner as required of the sexton.

The sexton, or person in charge of any premises in which interments are made, shall keep a record of all interments made in the premises under his charge, stating the full name of the deceased person or stillborn child, place of death or stillbirth, date of burial, and the name and address of the undertaker, or person acting as such, or in charge of interment, and this record shall be open to inspection by the State Registrar or his accredited representative at all times.

SALE OF CASKETS AT RETAIL

Regulation #23

Every person, firm, or corporation selling, donating, or otherwise disposing of a casket, coffin, or other receptacle for use in the disposal of a dead body, shall keep a record showing the name of the recipient, recipient's post office address, name of the deceased or stillborn child, date and place of death or stillbirth. This record shall be open to inspection by the State Registrar or his accredited representative at all times. On the first day of each month the person, firm or corporation disposing of caskets, coffins, or other burial receptacles, shall report to the local registrar of the district in which the person, firm, or corporation is located, each sale, donation, or other disposal for the preceding month, on a form provided by the State Registrar for that purpose; provided, however, no person, firm, or corporation wholesaling caskets, coffins, or other receptacles to dealers or undertakers only shall be required to make such a record or report.

Every person, firm, or corporation selling, donating, or otherwise disposing of a casket, coffin, or other receptacle for use in the disposal of a dead body at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, shall enclose within the casket a blank death certificate and a notice furnished by the State Registrar calling the attention of the recipient to the requirments of the law, and the regulations of the Department concerning the burial or other disposition of a dead body.

TRANSPORTATION AND DISINTERMENT OF DEAD BODIES

Regulation #24

I. Any dead body to be shipped by common carrier must be embalmed if its condition permits. If embalming is not possible because of mutilation or state of decomposition, such bodies may be shipped only after enclosure in a tightly sealed container which will prevent leakage and escape of odors.

II. For bodies to be shipped by common carrier, the burial-transit permit shall be attached to the shipping case in a strong envelope, and shall accompany the body to its destination. No other form of transit permit shall be required.

III. Bodies dead of anthrax, glanders, leprosy, plague, or smallpox, which may produce dangerous surface lesions, and if such lesions occur on such bodies, may not be removed from the place of death unless prepared by being enveloped in a sheet saturated with 1:500 bichloride of mercury solution and securely pinned.

IV. Bodies dead of Asiatic cholera, diphtheria, meningococcic meningitis, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever or epidemic encephalitis may be transported to the morgue of the funeral director from the place of death without arterial or cavity embalming, provided that such bodies have been prepared by stopping and disinfecting orifices, and by enveloping the body in a sheet saturated with 1:500 bichloride of mercury solution and securely pinning the same. Before removal from such a morgue, the body must be thoroughly embalmed and disinfected. If such a body is not embalmed, it is to be placed in a sealed casket or case, not to be reopened, and may be shown only under sealed glass panels.

V. Bodies dead of any disease dangerous to the public health shall not be accompanied by articles exposed to contamination of the disease, unless such articles have been thoroughly sterilized.

VI. No disinterment of a dead body shall be allowed except by permission of the local health officer of the county in which the body is interred. Permission shall be granted only upon written guarantee of the undertaker, or person acting as such, that the remains shall be immediately upon disinterment, encased in an air-tight zinc, tin, copper, or lead-lined coffin, or iron casket, all joints and seams hermetically soldered and all enclosed in a strong, tight, wooden box; or such body

may be placed in a strong coffin or a casket encased in an air-tight zinc, copper, or tin case, all joints and seams hermetically soldered and all encased in a strong outside wooden box; provided that the above requirements may be waived when actual examination of the grave discloses that only a skeleton or a few bones or dust is found. If, upon examination, the latter be found to be true (skeleton, bones, or dust), then same may be enclosed in a wooden box in lieu of the above specified coffin or casket. And further provided that the above requirements may be waived when actual examination of the grave discloses that the original casket in which the body was buried is intact and in suitable condition for being removed and reinterred without being opened.

VII. Extra precaution shall be exercised by those charged with the disinterment, transportation, and reinterment of said bodies in the cases of persons who have died since July 1, 1936, of typhoid fever, or since January 1, 1933, of anthrax or yellow fever. For purposes of determining just which persons have died of either of the above diseases since the above prescribed dates, examination of vital statistics records of local registrars of the county concerned shall be made by the local health officer before the disinterment and removal of said bodies. When it shall be determined that any person has died of either of the above diseases within the above period of time, then it shall be the duty of those in charge of the removal of said body to advise the public to refrain from coming into close proximity of the place where and when said body is being disinterred, removed, or reinterred, in order that the possibility of infection may be eliminated.

FILING OF DELAYED DEATH AND STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATES

Regulation #25

Any certificate filed twelve (12) months or more after the date of death or stillbirth shall be accompanied by an order of a Court of Record of the State of Tennessee, authorizing the State Registrar to accept and file such certificates. This order shall set forth in detail the evidence presented to substantiate the order.

REGISTRATION OF ABORTIONS NOT REQUIRED

Regulation #26

The expulsion of a non-viable product of conception occurring before the fifth (5th) month of gestation is considered an abortion. No certificate shall be required in such cases.

DELAYED CERTIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH

Regulation #27

If the cause of death cannot be determined within seventy-two (72) hours after death, the attending physician, county health officer, or

coroner, as indicated, shall sign the certificate and state under the medical certification of the death certificate that the cause of death cannot be given and will be returned at a later date. The undertaker, or person acting as such, shall then file such certificate with the local registrar, or his deputy, of the district in which the death occurred. The attending physician, county health officer, or coroner, as indicated, shall return to the undertaker, or person acting as such, a report of the cause of death and a statement of the reason for the delayed certification of the cause of death on a form furnished by the State Registrar. This report shall be made not later than ten (10) days after the date of death.

The undertaker, or person acting as such, shall then file the delayed report of the cause of death with the registrar receiving the original certificate.

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(iii, 14 p. mimeo., November 1939)
No. 3. A Summary of General Highway Legislation in Tennessee During the Period 1881-1909.
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BLANK FORMS

Several revised forms are currently being placed in use by the Division of Vital Statistics of the Department of Public Health. In all possible instances the blank forms bound in this volume are copies of the revised forms and although they are substantially similar in content, they vary in some details from the forms in use when the inventory of State records was made in May. However, copies of revised Form 141, Request for a Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate, and revised Form 142, Request for a Certified Copy of a Death Certificate, were not available before publication of this book. Also at publication time the verso of revised Form 130 was not available. The verso, titled "Regulations for Filing Stillbirth Certificates," will however, be worded in the following manner: 1, The undertaker, or person acting as such, is responsible for obtaining and filing the completed stillbirth certificate with the registrar of the district where stillbirth occurred; 2, The undertaker prepares the personal and statistical particulars of the certificate. The signature of the informant is required. (Items 1 through 19.); 3, The signature and address of the undertaker is required; 4, The medical portion of the certificate (items 20 through 30) is to be prepared and signed by the physician in attendance. The physician cannot authorize other persons to sign for him; 5, When stillbirth occurs without medical attendance, or is attended by midwife, the medical portion of the certificate is to be signed by the health officer of the county where stillbirth occurred after investigation; 6, Cause of stillbirth is to be stated, and the certificate signed by the coroner where inquests are held; 7, Additional information by physician.

NOTE CAREFULLY

THIS IS A LEGAL RECORD AND WILL BE PERMANENTLY FILED.

WRITE PLAINLY USE INK

ALL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

ATTENDANT MUST SIGN PERSONALLY

SEPARATE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD IF MULTIPLE BIRTH

GIVE MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS. A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE SENT TO HER (EXCEPT WHERE CHILD IS ILLEGITIMATE)

FORM 139

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS—STATE OF TENNESSEE—DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COOPERATING WITH DEPT. OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

REG. No. _____

REG. DIST. No. _____

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD _____ (FIRST MIDDLE LAST) 2. DATE OF BIRT H _____ (MONTH DAY) 19 ____

3. PLACE OF BIRTH

A. COUNTY _____ CIVIL DISTRICT _____

B. CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY OR TOWN LIMITS WRITE RURAL)

C. NAME OF HOSPITAL _____ (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL, GIVE STREET ADDRESS)

D. LENGTH OF MOTHER'S STAY BEFORE DELIVERY

IN HOSPITAL _____ IN THIS COMMUNITY _____ (SPECIFY WHETHER YEARS, MONTHS OR DAYS)

4. LEGAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER

A. STATE _____

B. COUNTY _____

C. CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY OR TOWN LIMITS, GIVE R.F.D. NO.)

D. STREET ADDRESS _____

5. SEX

6. TWIN OR TRIPLET? IF SO—BORN 1ST 2ND 3RD

7. NUMBER MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

8. ARE PARENTS MARRIED?

FATHER OF CHILD

9. FULL NAME _____
10. COLOR OR RACE _____
11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH _____ YRS. _____
12. BIRTH PLACE _____
13. USUAL OCCUPATION _____
14. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS

MOTHER OF CHILD

15. FULL MAIDEN NAME _____
16. COLOR OR RACE _____
17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH _____ YRS. _____
18. BIRTH PLACE _____
19. USUAL OCCUPATION _____
20. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS

21. CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER:

A. HOW MANY **OTHER** CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER ARE NOW LIVING? _____

B. HOW MANY **OTHER** CHILDREN WERE BORN ALIVE BUT ARE NOW DEAD? _____

C. HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE BORN DEAD? _____

22. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION NOTICE:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN **ALIVE** AT THE HOUR OF _____ M. ON THE DATE ABOVE STATED AND THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN WAS FURNISHED BY

_____

WHO IS RELATED TO THE CHILD AS _____

ATTENDANT'S OWN SIGNATURE

_____ MD.

ADDRESS _____

_____ MIDWIFE

ADDRESS _____

DATE SIGNED _____

DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR _____ 19 ___

_____

REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

NOTE CAREFULLY

THIS IS A PERMANENT LEGAL RECORD

USE TYPEWRITER OR WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—CHECK ALL STATEMENTS. ALTERATIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY ON ORDER OF A COURT OF RECORD IN TENNESSEE

DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS

FILE NUMBER

D-

NAME AT BIRTH _____ (FIRST / MIDDLE / LAST) DATE OF BIRTH _____ (MONTH DAY YEAR)

BIRTHPLACE _____ (COUNTY / CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL)) COLOR OR RACE _____ SEX _____

FATHER: FULL NAME _____ BIRTHPLACE _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY)

MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME _____ BIRTHPLACE _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE. (TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF REGISTRANT IS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.)

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT _____ PRESENT ADDRESS _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON _____ 19____

_____ NOTARY PUBLIC

REGISTRANT—DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

	NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED, AND DATE OF ISSUE)	DATE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WAS MADE
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT OF CORRESPONDING NUMBER ABOVE

	BIRTH DATE OR AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE _____ DOCUMENTS ABSTRACTED ABOVE, FIND THEM VALID, AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS AS NOTED ABOVE, AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY THE DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIGNED _____ (CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CLERK AND MASTER) ADDRESS _____ DATE _____ 19____

THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TENNESSEE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____ BY: _____

FORM 138

STATE OF _____ }SS

COUNTY OF _____ }

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT I AM AT PRESENT _____ YEARS OF AGE; THAT I AM RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE AS _____, AND THAT I HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED, AND KNOW THEM TO BE TRUE BECAUSE _____

_____

_____

SIGNATURE: _____ PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIANT PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO _____ AND THAT _____ MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF _____ KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ 19 _____

SEAL _____ NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

STATE OF _____ }SS

COUNTY OF _____ }

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT I AM AT PRESENT _____ YEARS OF AGE, THAT I AM NOT RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE, AND THAT I HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED, AND KNOW THEM TO BE TRUE BECAUSE _____

_____

_____

SIGNATURE: _____ PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIANT PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO _____ AND THAT _____ MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF _____ KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ 19 _____

_____ NOTARY PUBLIC

SEAL

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

A STILLBORN CHILD IS ONE WHICH SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF LIFE AFTER COMPLETE BIRTH: NO BREATHING NO HEART ACTION NO VOLUNTARY MUSCULAR MOVEMENT.

NO RECORD IS REQUIRED FOR A FETUS OF LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS UTERO GESTATION

ALL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETE

USE INK OR TYPEWRITER

THIS CERTIFICATE SERVES AS A BIRTH AND A DEATH CERTIFICATE. ITEMS 20 THROUGH 30 TO BE PREPARED BY THE ATTENDANT AT BIRTH: ITEMS 1-19 BY THE PERSON DISPOSING OF THE BODY.

THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE FILED IN SAME MANNER AS A DEATH CERTIFICATE, AND IS SUBJECT TO DEATH CERTIFICATE REGULATIONS..

IN GIVING CAUSE OF STILLBIRTH, STATE AS DEFINITELY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER CAUSE OF DEATH WAS DUE TO A CONDITION OF THE CHILD, OR OF THE MOTHER.

FORM 130

CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH

DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS—STATE OF TENNESSEE—DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COOPERATING WITH DEPT. OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

REG. NO. _____

REG. DIST. NO. _____

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD _____ (FIRST / MIDDLE / LAST) 2. DATE OF BIRTH _____ 19 _____ (MONTH / DAY)

3. PLACE OF BIRTH
   - A. COUNTY _____ CIVIL DISTRICT _____
   - B. CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY OR TOWN LIMITS WRITE RURAL)
   - C. NAME OF HOSPITAL _____ (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL, GIVE STREET ADDRESS)
   - D. LENGTH OF MOTHER'S STAY BEFORE DELIVERY
     IN HOSPITAL _____ IN THIS COMMUNITY _____ (SPECIFY WHETHER YEARS, MONTHS OR DAYS)

4. LEGAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER
   - A. STATE _____
   - B. COUNTY _____
   - C. CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY OR TOWN LIMITS, WRITE RURAL)
   - D. STREET OR POST OFFICE ADDRESS _____

FATHER OF CHILD

5. FULL NAME _____
6. COLOR OR RACE _____
7. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH _____ YRS.
8. BIRTH PLACE _____
9. USUAL OCCUPATION _____
10. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____

MOTHER OF CHILD

11. FULL MAIDEN NAME _____
12. COLOR OR RACE _____
13. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH _____ YRS.
14. BIRTH PLACE _____
15. USUAL OCCUPATION _____
16. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____

17. INFORMANT _____
    ADDRESS _____
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL _____ DATE _____
    PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION _____
19. UNDERTAKER _____
    ADDRESS _____

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANT

20. SEX | 21. TWIN OR TRIPLET? IF SO—BORN 1ST 2ND 3RD

22. NUMBER MONTHS OF PREGNANCY | 23. ARE PARENTS MARRIED?

24. CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER:
    - A. HOW MANY CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER ARE NOW LIVING? _____
    - B. HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE BORN ALIVE BUT ARE NOW DEAD? _____
    - C. HOW MANY **OTHER** CHILDREN WERE BORN DEAD?

25. DID CHILD DIE BEFORE LABOR? ___ DURING LABOR? _____
26. COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY _____
27. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR _____
    LABOR INDUCED? _____
28. A. WAS THERE AN OPERATION FOR DELIVERY? _____
    B. STATE ALL OPERATIONS, IF ANY _____
    C. DID CHILD DIE BEFORE OPERATION? _____
    DURING OPERATION?
29. CAUSE OF STILLBIRTH (STATE ONLY MORBID CONDITIONS CAUSING DEATH OF CHILD. DO NOT USE SUCH TERMS AS PREMATURITY, ASPHYXIA, ETC.)
    - A. FETAL CAUSES: _____
    - B. MATERNAL CAUSES: _____
30. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN DEAD AT THE HOUR OF _____ M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.
    ATTENDANT _____ (SPECIFY M. D., MIDWIFE, OR OTHER)
    ADDRESS _____
31. STATEMENT OF HEALTH OFFICER OR CORONER IF PHYSICIAN WAS NOT PRESENT AT STILLBIRTH _____

HEALTH OFFICER OR CORONER

DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR _____ 19 _____

LOCAL REGISTRAR

TO: TENNESSEE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
NASHVILLE, TENN.

_____ 19____

REQUEST FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

FULL NAME OF CHILD_____

DATE OF BIRTH_____ COLOR_____ SEX_____

PLACE OF BIRTH (TOWN)_____ (COUNTY)_____ (CIVIL DIST.)_____

FULL NAME OF FATHER_____

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER_____

SEND TO:_____

_____

_____

_____

FEE ATTACHED_____ (AMOUNT) M. O. ( ) CASH ( )

_____

PLEASE NOTE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

NAME

CERTIFICATE NO.

VOL. NO.

CERT. COPY NO.

DATE ISSUED

FORM 141-6-41

INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to give full name, correctly spelled.

Give complete information as listed. If date of birth is unknown, give approximate age, or year of birth.

A fee of fifty cents, in advance, is required for each certified copy requested.

Certified copies are issued free only for war veterans to use in conjunction with Veterans Administration claims. Such requests must be accompanied by an official Veterans Administration request.

Certified copies are necessary for Federal government usage, such as passports, civil service applications, etc.

Only certified copies are issued on Records of Births occurring prior to 1914.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF TENNESSEE DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS
COOPERATING WITH DEPT. OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

REG. NO.
REG. DIST. NO.

THIS IS A LEGAL RECORD AND WILL BE PERMANENTLY FILED.

WRITE LEGIBLY USE INK

ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. NO ALTERATION CAN BE MADE OF ANY DATA AFTER CERTIFICATE IS FILED. CORRECTIONS MAY BE MADE BY AFFIDAVIT ONLY.

THE UNDERTAKER, OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING THE COMPLETED CERTIFICATE WITH THE REGISTRAR OF THE DISTRICT WHERE DEATH OCCURRED.

THE PHYSICIAN LAST IN ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH AND SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION.

IF THERE WAS NO DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE, MEDICAL CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER (OR CORONER, IF INQUEST WAS HELD).

ALL CERTIFIED COPIES ARE MADE WITH A PHOTOSTAT.

1. FULL NAME _____ (FIRST MIDDLE LAST) 2. DATE OF DEATH _____ 19__ (MONTH DAY YEAR)

3. PLACE OF DEATH:
A) COUNTY _____ CIVIL DISTRICT _____
B) CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL)
C) NAME OF HOSPITAL _____ (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE STREET ADDRESS)
D) LENGTH OF STAY: IN HOSPITAL IN COMMUNITY

4. LEGAL RESIDENCE: A) STATE _____
B) COUNTY _____ CIVIL DISTRICT _____
C) CITY OR TOWN _____ (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, GIVE R.F.D. NO.)
D) STREET NO. _____
E) CITIZEN OF FOREIGN COUNTRY _____ (YES OR NO)
IF YES, NAME COUNTRY _____

5. RACE OR COLOR | 6. SEX | 7. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED

8. AGE: YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | IF LESS THAN ONE DAY: HRS. MINS.

9. DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH DAY YEAR

10. PLACE OF BIRTH: CITY OR COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY

11. HUSBAND OR WIFE OF _____
AGE OF HUSBAND OR WIFE, IF LIVING _____ YEARS

12. IF VETERAN NAME OF WAR | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

13. USUAL OCCUPATION

14. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS

FATHER
15. FULL NAME _____
BIRTHPLACE CITY OR COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY

MOTHER
16. MAIDEN NAME _____
BIRTHPLACE CITY OR COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY

17. INFORMANT
ADDRESS

18. BURIAL, REMOVAL OR CREMATION _____ DATE _____ 19__
CEMETERY PLACE

19. UNDERTAKER _____
ADDRESS BY

DATE FILED _____ 19__
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM _____ 19__ TO _____ 19__
AND THAT I LAST SAW H__ ALIVE ON _____ 19__
AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED AT _____ M.

IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH: | DURATION

DUE TO: _____

OTHER CONDITIONS _____
(INCLUDE PREGNANCY WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF DEATH)

OPERATION? FINDINGS

AUTOPSY? FINDINGS

PHYSICIAN UNDERLINE CAUSE TO WHICH DEATH SHOULD BE CHARGED STATISTICALLY

21. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:
A) ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE (SPECIFY) _____
B) DATE OF OCCURRENCE _____
C) WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR _____ (CITY COUNTY STATE)
D) DID INJURY OCCUR IN OR ABOUT HOME, ON FARM, IN INDUSTRIAL PLACE, IN PUBLIC PLACE? _____
WHILE AT WORK MEANS OF INJURY

SIGNATURE _____ M.D.
ADDRESS _____ DATE SIGNED _____

FORM 104

CERTIFIED COPY ISSUED DATE_____ NUMBER_____

REGULATIONS FOR FILING DEATH CERTIFICATES (SEC. 5862, CODE OF 1932)

THE UNDERTAKER, OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND FILING THE COMPLETED DEATH CERTIFICATE WITH THE REGISTRAR OF THE DISTRICT WHERE DEATH OCCURRED.

THE UNDERTAKER PREPARES THE PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS OF THE CERTIFICATE. THE SIGNATURE OF THE INFORMANT IS REQUIRED.

THE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF THE UNDERTAKER IS REQUIRED.

THE MEDICAL PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATE IS TO BE PREPARED AND SIGNED BY THE PHYSICIAN LAST IN ATTENDANCE. THE PHYSICIAN CANNOT AUTHORIZE OTHER PERSONS TO SIGN FOR HIM.

WHERE DEATH OCCURS WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENDANCE, THE MEDICAL PORTION OF THE CERTIFICATE IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY WHERE DEATH OCCURRED.

CAUSE OF DEATH IS TO BE STATED, AND THE CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THE CORONER WHERE INQUESTS ARE HELD.

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE COMPLETE. INSERT "UNKNOWN" WHERE DEFINITE INFORMATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY PHYSICIAN.

TO: TENNESSEE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
NASHVILLE, TENN.

_____ 19____

REQUEST FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A **DEATH CERTIFICATE:**

FULL NAME OF DECEASED _____

DATE OF DEATH _____ COLOR _____ SEX _____

PLACE OF DEATH (TOWN) _____ (COUNTY) _____ (CIVIL DIST.) _____

UNDERTAKER IN CHARGE _____

SEND TO: _____

_____

_____

MAKE RECEIPT TO: _____

FEE ATTACHED _____ (AMOUNT) IN STAMPS ( ) M. O. ( ) CASH ( ) CHECK ( )

_____

PLEASE NOTE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

_____

_____

NAME

_____

CERTIFICATE NO.

_____

VOL. NO.

_____

CERT. COPY NO.

_____

DATE ISSUED

_____

_____

FORM 142-8-40

INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to give full name, correctly spelled.

A fee of fifty cents, in advance, is required for each certified copy requested.

Certified copies are issued free only for war veterans to use in conjunction with Veterans Administration claims. Such requests must be accompanied by an official Veterans Administration request.

If the death occurred within thirty days of the date of this request, please give full information concerning place of death, and name of undertaker. The certificate may not have reached this office, and it will be necessary to write the local registrar of the district where death occurred to secure it.

AFFIDAVIT FOR ALTERING A RECORD

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS

FILE NUMBER

NAME _____ CERTIFICATE No. _____

PLACE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____
(BIRTH, STILLBIRTH, DEATH)

_____
(CITY, TOWN OR CIVIL DISTRICT) (ADDRESS OR NAME OF HOSPITAL)

SEX _____ COLOR OR RACE _____ DATE OF _____
(BIRTH, STILLBIRTH, DEATH) MONTH DAY YEAR

THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE GIVEN AS THEY APPEAR ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ } SS

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING FACTS SET FORTH IN SAID CERTIFICATE ARE NOT CORRECTLY STATED THEREIN, TO-WIT:

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THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE TRUE FACTS ARE, AND THE CHANGES NECESSARY TO MAKE THE RECORD CORRECT ARE, AS FOLLOWS:

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THAT I KNOW THESE FACTS TO BE TRUE, BECAUSE

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THAT I AM AT PRESENT _____ YEARS OF AGE, THAT I AM RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY SAID CERTIFICATE AS _____ AND THAT AT PRESENT
MOTHER, FATHER, AUNT, ETC., OR NON-RELATIVE

I RESIDE AT _____
STREET ADDRESS OR R.F.D. CITY OR TOWN STATE

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIANT PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO _____ AND THAT _____ MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE.
(HIM, HER) (HE, SHE)

(SEAL) THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ 19 ____

_____ NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

ALTERATION OR ERASURE RENDERS THIS AFFIDAVIT NULL AND VOID.—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

FORM 162

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. Affidavit must be filled out with typewriter or unfading ink.
2. All signatures must be in unfading ink.
3. Affidavit must show seal of notary public or other officer taking acknowledgment.
4. Any erasure, alterations, or corrections made on this affidavit render it null and void. IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
5. All items on the certificate must be complete or satisfactorily account for their omission.
6. Statement of relationship will not be taken as adequate proof of reason for knowing the facts to be true. It is advisable that some written record be cited in the affidavit which will corroborate the statements made.
7. The Department reserves the right to reject any affidavit and/or to require additional evidence to substantiate the claims made therein.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NASHVILLE

CERTIFICATE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

(To be valid, test must be made not more than thirty days before the issuance of marriage license)

RECORD OF STANDARD LABORATORY BLOOD TEST

(To be filled out and sent to physician with report of result of test)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a test for.....

Name of test.....

was performed on.....(Date) on a specimen submitted in the name of

Full name of applicant..... age.....

complete address of applicant.....

Specimen submitted by.....(Name of Physician) .....(Address of Physician)

Name of laboratory.....Name of person authorized to report for laboratory.....

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

(To remain attached to laboratory record)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have examined.....

.....(Name of Applicant)

according to the provisions of Chapter 122, Public Acts of 1939, and the regulations of the Tennessee Department of Public Health, the person named in the above laboratory record, and, in my opinion, this person is not infected with a venereal disease or is not in a stage of a venereal disease which may become communicable. I also certify that this person submitted to a standard laboratory blood test for syphilis, a report of which I have received and examined. This examination is further verified by laboratory reports such data, etc., as necessary and which are on file in my office.

Date of Examination ..... Signature of Physician.....M.D.

Address of Physician.....

Physicians not licensed in Tennessee indicate in which state licensed .....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I am the applicant referred to in the above certificate.

Signature .....

Witness ..... Address.....

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

Tennessee Department of Public Health, Nashville

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Requirements set out by Chapter 122, Public Acts of 1939, and the Regulations of the Tennessee Department of Public Health pertaining to the prevention of the spread of venereal diseases through marriage.

1. Each applicant must file a properly executed certificate with the County Court Clerk before a marriage license can be issued legally.

2. A standard approved laboratory blood test shall be made on a specimen of blood from each applicant.

3. The blood test shall be made by a laboratory approved by the Commissioner of Public Health and the laboratory record shall be signed by a representative of the laboratory.

4. The blood test shall be made within thirty (30) days prior to the time the license is issued.

5. The medical certificate shall be signed by a medical graduate of a reputable medical school who is licensed to practice medicine in the state in which he resides.

6. The licensing officer shall attach the certificates of both applicants to the marriage license and they shall remain attached and filed in the office of the County Court Clerk.

7. No person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony shall perform such a ceremony unless the certificates of both applicants are attached to the marriage license.

8. A diagnosis of syphilis shall be based upon the finding of a positive darkfield test, or a positive blood test and signs and symptoms of the disease, or two positive blood tests.

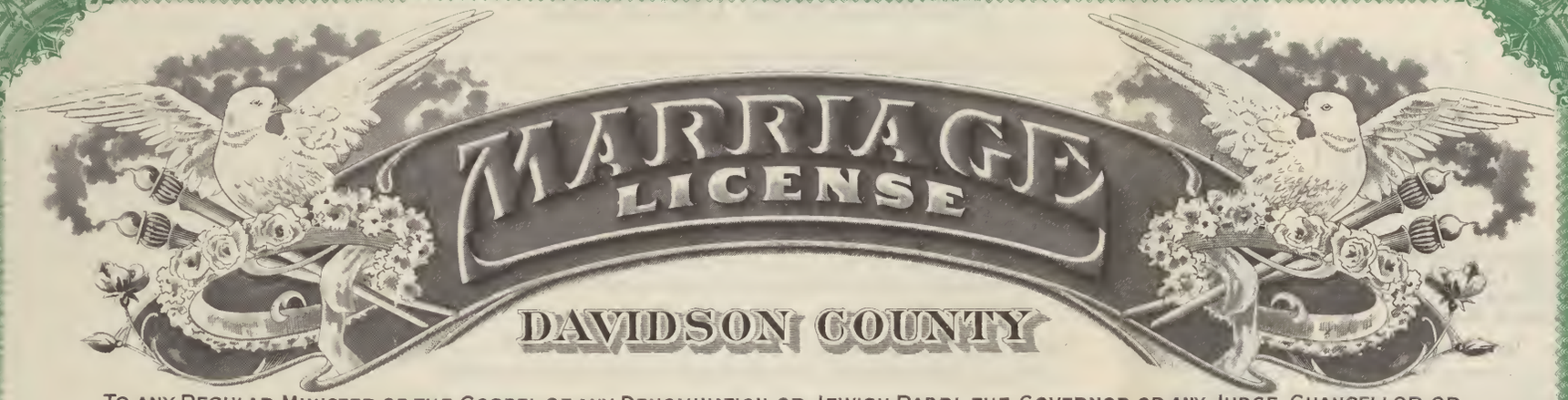
9. A person with syphilis of less than four years duration who has not been given twenty (20) doses each of an approved arsenical and a heavy metal within a period of not over eighteen (18) months shall be considered to have the disease in a communicable stage.

10. The decision as to the communicability of gonorrhea in any applicant with the disease shall be left to the discretion of the physician.

11. Any person violating the provisions of the Act is subject to a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

12. Any person who shall wilfully and knowingly misrepresent, falsify, or issue a false certificate shall be subject to a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

STATE OF TENNESSEE



MARRIAGE LICENSE

DAVIDSON COUNTY

TO ANY REGULAR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ANY DENOMINATION, OR JEWISH RABBI, THE GOVERNOR, OR ANY JUDGE, CHANCELLOR OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WITHIN SAID COUNTY:

THESE ARE TO AUTHORIZE YOU OR EITHER OF YOU TO SOLEMNIZE

RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between _____

and _____

of your County, agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Provided always, That the Rite of Matrimony be solemnized in this County; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not be accounted any license or authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more than though the same had never been prayed or granted, etc. *Witness my hand at Office, this* _____ *day of* _____ *19*__.

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COUNTY COURT CLERK

FOSTER & PARMER CO. NASHVILLE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

CHAPTER 109
HOUSE BILL NO. 854
PUBLIC ACTS
(D. A. GREENE)

AN ACT to require Ministers of the Gospel and others authorized to solemnize the Rite of Matrimony to return Marriage licenses within thirty (30) days from the date of Marriage.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That it shall be the duty of Ministers of the Gospel, Justices of the Peace, Judges and other persons solemnizing the Rite of Matrimony to return the license, authorizing such solemnization, to the office of the Clerk of the County Court from whence it issued, within thirty (30) days from the date of Marriage.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That every person violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than Ten ($10.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and they are hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed May 13, 1915.

WM. P. COOPER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ALBERT E. HILL,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved May 17, 1915
TOM C. RYE,
Governor.

55 No _____

MARRIAGE LICENSE

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TO

_____

Issued _____ *19____*

I solemnized the Rite of Matrimony between the within named parties on the

_____ *day of*

_____ *19____*

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Returned _____ *day of* _____ *19____*

Recorded in Marriage _____

Book _____ *Page* _____

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